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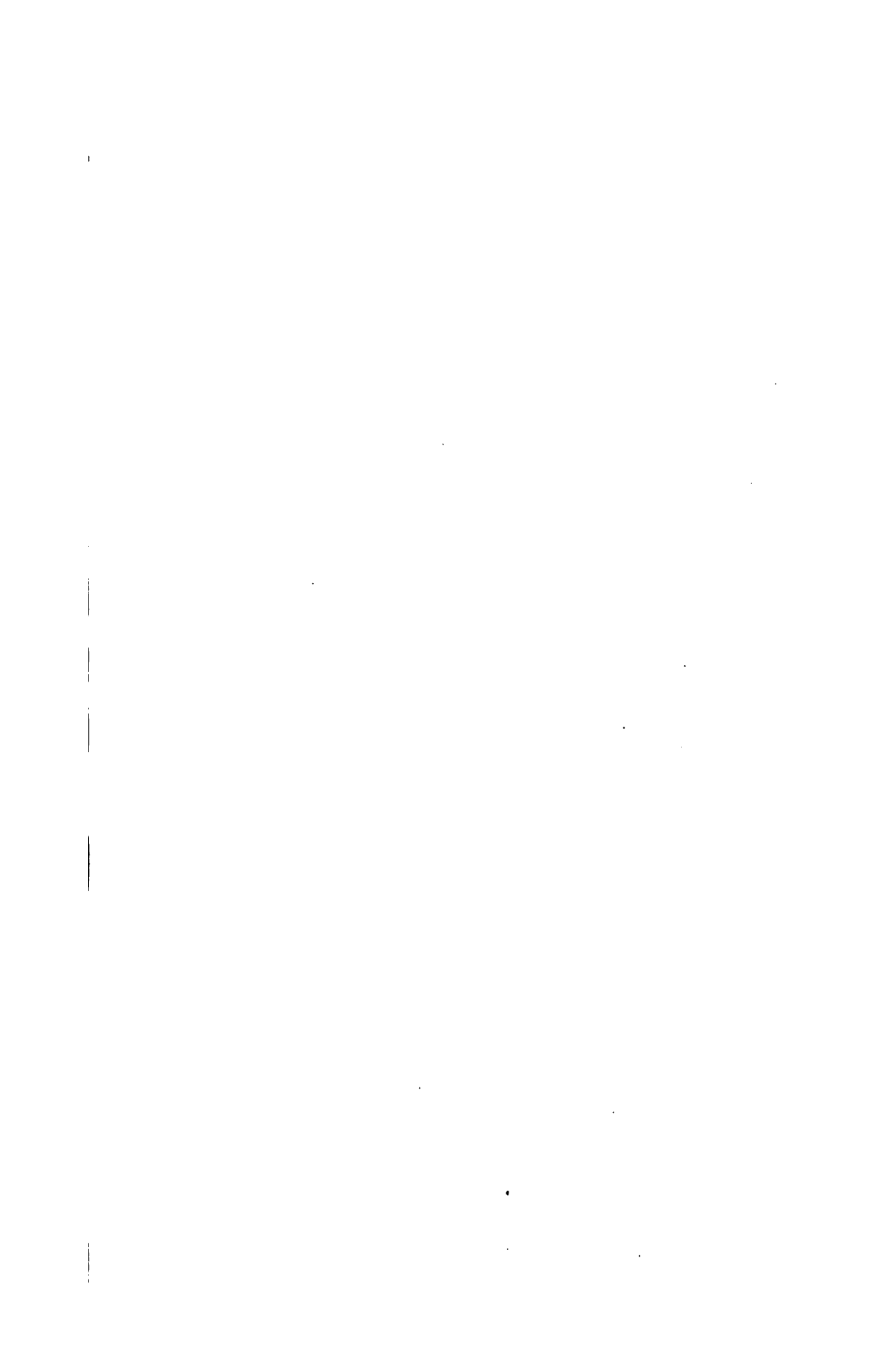


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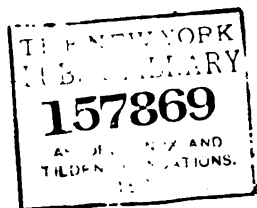
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 John Howarth,*
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 Philip Wilson,
 James Williams,

Peter Williamson,
Andrew P. Wilson,
Francis Wharton,
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Joseph C. Whittall,
George R. White,
Benj. Whittington,

Joel Worthington,
William H. Woodward,
Horace E. Wolfe,
Alex. M. Wright,
C. P. Wurts,*
Ellis Yarnall,
Isaac Yocum.

Those whose names are marked thus * were not present at the Convention.

ROLL OF THE CONGREGATIONS APPOINTING

LAY DEPUTIES TO THIS CONVENTION.

Alleghany County.—Trinity church, Pittsburgh. George R. White, George S. Selden, Robert Robb.

St. Andrew's church, Pittsburgh. W. S. Bissell, Philip Wilson.

Christ church, Alleghany city. Felix R. Brunot.

St. Paul's Pittsburgh. J. H. Eaton, Jos. H. Hill.

St. James' church, Pittsburgh. Matthew Hodgkinson, David Holmes, Wm. A. Hill.

Armstrong County.—St. Paul's church, Kittanning. John H. Lemmon.

Beaver County.—St. Paul's church, Ohio Township. Matthew Lutton.

Berks County.—St. Gabriel's church, Morlattan. Isaac Yocum, Daniel Pyle, La Fayette Brower.

Christ church, Reading. J. Pringle Jones, Isaac Eckart, James C. Anderson.

St. Thomas' church, Morgantown. Levi B. Smith, David Plank, Cyrus J. Bull.

Bradford County.—St. Matthew's church, Pike. Edward Crandall, M. D.

Christ church, Towanda.—David Wilmot, Mahlon C. Mercur, Benjamin S. Russell.

Bucks County.—St. James the Greater church, Bristol. Geo. Breck, James Johnson, J. D. Mendenhall.

St. Luke's church, Newtown. John Cresson, Jos. C. Whitall.

St. Andrew's church, Yardleyville. S. G. Slack, Joseph Vanhorn, Joshua Nicholson.

Grace church, Hulmeville. Samuel Swift, Edmund G. Harrison, William Elmslie.

Trinity church, Centreville. William Stavely, Joel Worthington.

St. Paul's church, Doylestown. Dr. James S. Rich, William Alexander, James Gilkyson.

Butler County.—St. Peter's church, Butler. Alfred Gilmore, John N. Purviance, E. M. Bredin.

Carbon County.—St. Mark's church, Mauch Chunk. Asa Packer, I. Irwin Blakslee, Wm. H. Sayre.

St. Philip's church, Summit Hill. Asa L. Foster, William Sharpe, William H. Sayre, Jr.

Centre County.—St. John's church, Bellefonte. John Montgomery, William F. Reynolds.

Chester County.—St. John's church, New London township. Benjamin F. McDonald, John C. McDonald, Judge Hodgson.

St. Mary's church, Warwick township. Samuel Shafer, Thomas K. Bull, Evans Sheeler.

St. Peter's church, Great Valley. Cadwallader Evans, John G. Wersler.

St. John's church, Pequea. Thomas G. Henderson, Amos S. Henderson, James Hopkins.

St. Paul's church, West Whiteland township. Manlius G. Evans, Jonathan Jones, Thomas R. Trimble.

St. Mark's church, Honeybrook. Rees Welsh, Caleb P. Talbot, Samuel Lewis.

Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester. Thomas B. Jacobs, James H. Bull, George W. Pearce.

St. Peter's church, Phoenixville. Major McVeah, Robert Renshaw, Samuel A. Whittaker.

St. James' church, Downingtown. William W. Downing, J. Stuart Leach, George D. Rembaugh.

St. James' church, West Marlboro'. Thomas M. Charlton, John Bilson, Amos Nichols.

Columbia County.—St. Paul's church, Bloomsburg. Peter Appelman, Lewis H. Maus, John Barton.

Crawford County.—Christ church, Meadville. Edward Ellis, G. Church, D. Dick.

Cumberland County.—St. John's church, Carlisle. Frederick Watts, John B. Parker.

Dauphin County.—St. Stephen's church, Harrisburg. William Beatty, William Buehler, Hamilton Alrichs.

Delaware County.—St. Paul's church, Chester. Pierce Crosby, Cadwallader Evans, Alexander M. Wright.

St. Martin's church, Lower Chichester township, Marcus Hook. William Trainer, Benj. F. Johnson, John Gray.

St. David's church, Newtown township, Radnor. H. Jones Brooke, Thomas Humphrey, Charles S. Heysham.

Calvary church, Rockdale. Richard S. Smith, John Fildes, John B. Rhoads.

St. John's Church, Concord, Delaware County. Hill Brinton, Henry W. Brinton, Joseph Gest.

Erie County.—St. Paul's church, Erie. Wm. C. Kelso, Benj. Grant, H. P. Stockton.

Fayette County.—Christ church, Brownsville. Nelson B. Bowman.

St. Peter's church, Uniontown. John B. Rumney.

Trinity church, Connelville. Robert A. McIlvaine.

Huntingdon County.—St. John's church, Huntingdon. Andrew Porter Wilson.

Indiana County.—St. Peter's church, Blairsville. John McCarl, William Bennett, James C. Coad.

Lancaster County.—St. James' church, Lancaster. A. L. Hayes, Nathaniel E. Ellmaker, Newton Lightner.

St. Paul's church, Columbia. Stephen F. Eagle.

Christ church, Leacock. Peter E. Lightner, Henry Lechler, Christian Warfel.

All Saints' church, Paradise. Jacob Eshleman, J. B. Baker, David Conyngham.

Luzerne County.—St. Stephen's church, Wilkesbarre. Luther Kidder, Edmund L. Dana, Asa Brundage.

Trinity church, Carbondale. Samuel E. Bilger.

St. James' church, Pittston. Wm S. Reddin, John Howarth.

Lycoming County.—St. James' church, Muncy. Samuel G. Shoemaker, William W. Cooke, Henry Robb.

Mifflin County.—St. Mark's church, Lewistown. R. C. Hale, R. F. Ellis, Geo. W. Stewart.

Montgomery County.—St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh township. Henry M. Sheaff, Dr. James A. McCrea.

St. James' church, Perkiomen township. William Casselberry, William Bean.

St. John's church, Norristown. John Shannon, William Wills, Griffith Jones.

Christ Church, Pottstown. Charles H. Clay, Robert E. Hobart, John P. Rutter.

The Church of the Redeemer, Lower Merion. David Morgan, George F. Curwen, John Hulme.

Montour County.—Christ Church, Danville. Peter Baldy, John Turner, Eli Trego.

Northampton County.—Trinity Church, Easton. A. E. Brown, James H. Cook, Horace E. Wolf.

Northumberland County.—St. Matthew's Church, Sunbury. Wm. McCarty, Wm. J. Greenough, Henry Donnell.

St Mark's Church, Northumberland. Michael M. Kapp.

Philadelphia City and County.—Christ church, Philadelphia. Henry M. Watts, James C. Booth, William M. Meredith.

St. Peter's church, Philadelphia. James S. Smith, Lawrence Lewis, Horace Binney, jr.

St. James' church, Philadelphia. G. M. Wharton, Joseph Cabot, Ellis Yarnall.

St. Paul's church, Philadelphia. John D. George, Samuel N. Davies, John W. Thomas.

St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia. Tobias Wagner, William Kirkham, Edward Shippen.

St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia. Thomas Robins, Arthur G. Coffin, John Bohlen.

Grace church, Philadelphia. Herman Cope, John W. Claghorn, Francis Hoskins.

Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia. M. Russell Thayer, J. P. Aertsen, Samuel Lewis, M. D.

St. Luke's church, Philadelphia. William Welsh, James M. Aertsen, Benjamin W. Frazier.

Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia. Lewis R. Ashhurst, Frederick W. Porter, Thomas H. Powers.

Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia. John C. Cresson, William C. Houston, Thomas C. Hand.

St. Mark's church, Philadelphia. James Cox, John R. Wilmer, R. R. Montgomery.

Church, of the Mediator, Philadelphia. Edward Carpenter, Richard Clements, William H. Woodward.

St. Philip's church, Spring Garden. Harry Conrad, Solomon Alter, William Webb.

Church of the Nativity, Spring Garden. Charles E. Lex, James M. Campbell, Thomas Thompson.

Church of the Redemption, Spring Garden. James Kearny, E. T. Hyatt, John McIntyre.

St. Jude's church, Spring Garden. Edward W. Mumford, Edwin W. Payne, Francis Wharton.

Church of the Messiah, Port Richmond. Edward C. Græff, John Moffitt, Matthew McPaul.

St. John's church, Northern Liberties. William Letford, James M. Patton, Robert M. Moore.

Advent church, Northern Liberties. Abel Reed, Frederick R. Backus, Anthony Miskey.

All Saints' church, Moyamensing. John C. Montgomery, William Ridings, Arthur Wells.

Church of the Evangelists, Southwark. Giles Boulton, Edward P. Jones, Isaac Sansom.

Trinity Church, Southwark. Peter Williamson, Clement S. Rutter, William H. Klapp.

Gloria Dei church, Southwark. John McKay, Jacob Jackson, J. W. Jones.

St. James' church, Kingsessing. George G. Thomas, Justice Cox, Dr. R. K. Smith.

St. Matthew's church, Francisville. G. M. Stroud, James S. McCalla, Robert West.

St. James the Less church, North Penn township. Robert Ralston, Geo. Blight, James C. Kempton.

All Saints' church, Lower Dublin township. Joseph Vandergrift, Henry Dewees, Charles R. King.

Emmanuel church, Holmesburg. George Fox, Francis King, George Wagner.

Trinity church, Oxford township. Edward Green, Harvey Rowland.

St. Mark's church, Frankford. James Williams, J. W. Kester, T. F. Overington.

St. Luke's church, Germantown. John S. Littell, Cornelius S. Smith, James R. Lambdin.

Emmanuel church, Kensington. Jacob P. Donaldson, Richard Moffitt.

Zion church, South Penn township. Augustus Heaton, John H. Bringham, Benjamin Whittington.

St. Mary's church, West Philadelphia. Thomas Allibone, Constant M. Eakin, Franklin Bacon.

St. David's church, Manayunk. Samuel Wagner, H. K. B. Ogle.

St. Andrew's church, West Philadelphia. Geo. R. Blakiston.

Church of the Resurrection, Rising Sun. Charles J. Ingersoll, Isaac Moffat, John F. Lamb.

Schuylkill County.—Trinity church, Pottsville. Edward Owen Parry, Andrew Russell, Benjamin F. Bannan.

St. James' church, Schuylkill Haven. Charles M. Hill, David D. Lewis, George W. Matchin.

Zion church, Tuscarora. Cornelius Stevenson, Henry F. Haas.

Calvary church, Tamaqua. John Anderson, F. Lauderburn, G. H. McCabe.

Susquehanna County.—St. Andrew's church, Springville. Albert Beardsley.

St. Mark's church, New Milford. Albert Moss, Jr., Harvey Griffing.

St. Paul's church, Montrose. Henry J. Webb.

Wayne County.—Grace church, Honesdale, Dyberry Parish. Z. H. Russell, S. E. Dimmick, C. P. Wurts.

St. John's church, Salem. Charles Burr.

Westmoreland County.—Christ church, Greensburg. Samuel L. Carpenter, David K. Marchand, James Gay.

York County.—St. John's church, York. Robert J. Fisher, Samuel Herman, George C. Stair.

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PHILADELPHIA, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, }
Tuesday, May 17th, A. D. 1853, 5 o'clock, P. M. }

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, the Rt. Rev. Alonzo Potter, D.D., L.L.D., Bishop of the Diocese, with several clergymen and lay deputies, attended at St. Andrew's Church.

The Bishop having taken the Chair, the Convention proceeded to organize.

A list of the Clergy entitled to seats, prepared by the Bishop, was called over by the Assistant Secretary, when the following answered to their names, and took their seats, viz :

Rev. Thos. G. Allen.

- " Henry H. Bean.
- " Archibald Beatty.
- " Henry J. Black.
- " James Bonnar, B.D.
- " Samuel Bowman, D.D.
- " Henry Brown.
- " Wm. F. Bryant.
- " Edward Y. Buchanan.
- " Levi Bull, D.D.
- " De Witt C. Byllesby.
- " John A. Childs.

Rev. Samuel A. Clark.

- " Jehu C. Clay, D.D.
- " Samuel Clements.
- " J. B. Clemson.
- " John Coleman, D.D.
- " Charles D. Cooper.
- " Thomas Crompton.
- " Thomas J. Davis.
- " Jacob M. Douglass.
- " Benjamin J. Douglass.
- " G. C. Drake.
- " Richard B. Duane.

Rev. Henry W. Ducachet, D.D.

- " Geo. A. Durborow.
- " Samuel Durborow.
- " Joseph J. Elsegood.
- " Rees C. Evans.
- " Geo. G. Field.
- " Thomas B. Flower.
- " Jas. H. Fowles.
- " B. Franklin.
- " John G. Furey.
- " Kingston Goddard.
- " James B. Goodwin.
- " Richard D. Hall.
- " Anson B. Hard.
- " G. Emlen Hare, D.D.
- " Samuel Hazlehurst.
- " Marmaduke Hirst.
- " M. A. De W. Howe, D.D.
- " Wm. Huckel.
- " Norris M. Jones.
- " Bryan B. Killikelly, D.D.
- " George Kirke.
- " Milton C. Lightner.
- " John Long.
- " Dwight E. Lyman.
- " Theodore B. Lyman.
- " Milo Mahan.
- " A. Augustus Marple.
- " John Gordon Maxwell.
- " Edward Mendenhall.
- " Alexander McLeod.
- " Edward Meyer.
- " G. D. Miles.
- " Daniel S. Miller.
- " George Mintzer.
- " Henry E. Montgomery.

Rev. B. Wistar Morris.

- " Henry J. Morton, D.D.
- " G. W. Natt.
- " Richard Newton, D.D.
- " Wm. H. Odenheimer.
- " Frederick Ogilby.
- " Wm. H. Paddock.
- " R. O. Page.
- " Wm. S. Perkins.
- " John Rodney.
- " Joshua M. Rogers.
- " Joel Rudderow.
- " Peter Russell.
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- " George Sheets.
- " Gardner M. Skinner.
- " J. Brinton Smith.
- " Joseph H. Smith.
- " Richard Smith.
- " Henry S. Spackman.
- " Nathan Stem.
- " Wm. Bacon Stevens, D.D.
- " J. A. Stone.
- " Wm. Suddards.
- " Joseph P. Taylor.
- " Henry Tallidge.
- " Richard S. Trapier.
- " Alexander Varian.
- " John A. Vanghan, D.D.
- " George H. Walsh.
- " Daniel Washburn.
- " H. Hastings Weld.
- " Wm. White.
- " J. P. B. Wilmer.
- " Thos. C. Yarnall.

The following Lay Deputies presented certificates of their appointment in the form prescribed by canon, and their names having been recorded and called, they answered and took their seats, viz :

Thomas Allibone.	Augustus Heaton.	Thomas Robins.
John Anderson.	R. C. Hale.	Abel Reed.
James C. Anderson.	David Holmes.	William Ridings.
J. P. Aertsen.	Francis Hoskins.	Andrew Russell.
James M. Aertsen.	Thomas C. Hand.	Benjamin S. Russell.
Lewis R. Ashhurst.	Samuel Herman.	Z. H. Russell.
Solomon Alter.	Edward P. Jones.	Robert Ralston.
F. R. Brunot.	J. Pringle Jones.	Robert Renshaw.
Peter Baldy.	J. W. Jones.	John B. Rumney.
Franklin Bacon.	William Kirkham.	John P. Rutter.
Frederick R. Backus.	William H. Klapp.	Isaac Sansom.
Horace Binney, jr.	J. W. Kester.	William Sharpe.
John Bohlen.	John S. Littell.	William H. Sayre.
La Fayette Brower.	Jas. R. Lambdin.	William H. Sayre, jr.
Thomas K. Bull.	Samuel Lewis, M.D.	Edward Shippen.
William Beatty.	Lawrence Lewis.	Henry M. Sheaff.
James H. Bull.	Matthew Lutton.	George M. Stroud.
H. Jones Brooke.	Peter E. Lightner.	R. K. Smith, M.D.
Asa Brundage.	Charles E. Lex.	Evans Sheeler.
Giles Boulton.	John F. Lamb.	James S. Smith.
John H. Bringhurst.	Lewis H. Maus.	Levi B. Smith.
George R. Blakiston.	William M. Meredith.	William Stavely.
Joseph Cabot.	Robert M. Moore.	George W. Stewart.
Herman Cope.	J. D. Mendenhall.	Cornelius Stevenson.
John W. Claghorn.	Anthony Miskey.	M. Russell Thayer.
James Cox.	Richard Moffitt.	John W. Thomas.
Justice Cox.	David K. Marchand.	George R. White.
Harry Conrad.	R. R. Montgomery.	Philip Wilson.
John Cresson.	John C. Montgomery.	Henry M. Watts.
David Cunningham.	Isaac Moffatt.	William Welsh.
Arthur G. Coffin.	John McIntire.	John R. Wilmer.
Edward Carpenter.	John McKay.	William Webb.
James M. Campbell.	Matthew McPaul.	Peter Williamson.
Orlando Crease.	James S. McCalla.	Joseph C. Whitall.
Jacob P. Donaldson.	Edwin W. Payne.	Andrew Porter Wilson.
Samuel N. Davies.	David Plank.	William H. Woodward.
Samuel C. Dimmick.	James M. Patton.	Francis Wharton.
William Emalie.	Edward Owen Parry.	George M. Wharton.
Stephen F. Eagle.	William S. Reddin.	Arthur Wells.
Benjamin W. Frazier.	Robert Robb.	Samuel Wagner.
A. L. Hayes.	Harvey Rowland.	Ellis Yarnall.

The Convention then proceeded to the choice of a Secretary and Assistant Secretary. The Rev. Wm. Bacon Stevens, D.D., and the Rev. B. Franklin, were nominated for the office of Secretary, and Mr. Francis Wharton, a Lay Deputy from St. Jude's Church, Spring Garden, and Mr. M. Russell Thayer, a Lay Deputy from the Church of the Ascension, City of Philadelphia, for the office of Assistant Secretary. The House proceeded to a ballot. The Rev. Messrs. Clemson, Lightner, Bean, and White, were appointed Tellers to receive the votes of the Clergy, and Messrs. Henry M. Watts, T. Allibone, J. W. Kester, and Francis Hoskins, Tellers to receive the votes of the Laity.

The Tellers reported the following result of the ballot :

For Secretary.

93 Clerical votes.	
For Rev. Dr. Stevens,	59
" Rev. Benjamin Franklin,	34
75 Lay votes.	
For Rev. Dr. Stevens,	51
" Rev. Benjamin Franklin,	24

For Assistant Secretary.

92 Clerical votes.	
For Francis Wharton,	51
" M. Russell Thayer,	41
74 Lay votes.	
For Francis Wharton,	43
" M. Russell Thayer,	26

Whereupon the Bishop announced that the Rev. Dr. Stevens had been duly elected Secretary of the Convention, and Francis Wharton Assistant Secretary.

The following Committees were then, on motion, appointed, the members being named by the Bishop :

Committee on Charters.—Rev. Messrs. Sheets, Brown, Brinton Smith, and Messrs. Meredith, Hayes, and Brooke.

Committee on Unfinished Business.—Rev. Messrs. Crumpton, McLeod, and Maxwell.

Committee on Claims of Clergymen to Seats.—Rev. Messrs. Miles, Russell, and Clark.

Committee on Claims of Lay Deputies to Seats.—Messrs. H. Binney, Jr., H. Conrad, and J. Neilson Bowman.

On motion it was *Resolved*, That Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church belonging to this Diocese and not entitled to Seats in the Convention; and Clergymen not belonging to this Diocese; and Clergymen of the Church of England or of her Colonies; and Students of Divinity of the Episcopal Church, now in this city, be admitted to the sittings of this Convention.

On motion it was *Resolved*, That the House shall hold two sessions every day from 9 o'clock, A. M., to 2 o'clock, P. M., and from 5 o'clock, P. M., to 7 o'clock, P. M., provided that on Wednesday, the 18th inst., the House do not meet until 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention then adjourned.

WM. BACON STEVENS, *Secretary*.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, }
 Wednesday, May 19th, 10 A. M. }

The Convention assembled and attended Divine Service. The morning prayer was read by the Rev. J. B. Smith, assisted by the Rev. E. Y. Buchanan, and the Rev. R. B. Duane, who read the Lessons. The Litany was read by the Rev. E. Y. Buchanan, and the Ante-Communion by the Bishop; after which the Sermon was preached by the Rev. Henry Tullidge, from 1 Cor. ix. 16. The Holy Communion was then administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Buchanan, Smith, and Duane.

The Convention was called to order after Service.—The roll was then called, and the minutes of yesterday P. M. read and approved.

The following Clergymen, entitled to seats, and not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats, viz. :

Rev. William J. Hilton,
" A. Prior,

Rev. C. W. Thomson,
" T. W. Winchester.

And the following Lay Deputies, viz. :

Peter A. Appleman,	J. H. Hill,	F. W. Porter,
Albert Beardsley,	E. G. Harrison,	T. H. Powers,
William Bean,	H. F. Haas,	S. G. Shoemaker,
J. B. Baker,	J. Hulme,	S. Swift,
John Bilson,	T. P. Jacobs,	G. S. Slack,
S. E. Bilger,	Charles R. King,	R. S. Smith,
George Blight,	J. Kearney,	T. R. Trimble,
William Casselberry,	M. M. Kapp,	J. Turner,
T. M. Charlton,	W. C. Kelso,	J. Vandergrift,
Edward Crandall,	David D. Lewis,	J. Vanhorn,
H. Dewees,	G. H. McCabe,	J. G. Weisler,
H. Donnell,	D. Morgan,	W. Wills,
C. Evans,	J. Nicholson,	T. Wagner,
M. G. Evans,	H. K. B. Ogle,	R. Welsh,
G. Fox,	J. B. Parker,	H. J. Webb,
R. J. Fisher,	G. W. Pearce,	J. Yocum.
B. Grant,		

In conformity with the resolution of invitation adopted yesterday, the following Clergymen appeared and were admitted to the sittings of the Convention, viz. :

Rev. Charles Arey, Diocese of Penna.	Rev. C. W. Quick, Diocese of Penna.
" L. P. W. Balch, D.D.,	" F. S. Wiley,
" A. Christman,	" S. Cowell, N. Jersey.
" N. E. Cornwall,	" S. C. Stratton,
" M. Dix,	" C. Breck, Del.
" C. M. Dupuy,	" S. C. Brinckle,
" H. Dyer,	" B. Batcheller,
" H. Gray,	" W. C. Cooley, N. York.
" W. W. Montgomery,	" C. F. McRae, N. C.
" J. K. Murphy,	" Benj. Watson, R. I.
" J. L. Maxwell,	" J. A. Merrick, Minnesota.
" G. L. Platt,	"

The Bishop then delivered his Annual Address, as follows :—

ADDRESS.

MY BRETHREN OF THE CONVENTION :

In opening my last address, I referred to the fact, that the year then commencing might, to any who were present—as to some one or more it must—be their last on earth ; and on that fact, I founded an exhortation to greater diligence in fulfilling our duties as ministers and members of the Church of Christ. Among those on whose ears that exhortation fell, was a Presbyter—the pastor of two congregations in Chester county—distinguished above most of his brethren by robust health and a vigorous constitution. He, alone of our clergy, has been called away by death, during the year now closed, and his departure ought certainly to admonish us, how impotent are health, and the natural promise of long life against the inscrutable decrees of an All-Wise God. The Rev. Samuel P. Nash—whose predecessor died still more suddenly, only a little more than two years before—was taken with fever in the month of December last, in consequence of exposure in the performance of official duty. After an illness of but few days, which clouded his mental faculties, he passed away, honored with the affection and esteem of many, to whom with more than ordinary fidelity and power, he had preached “Christ and Him crucified”—and leaving in his exemplary life, and his devotion to professional duty, the consoling hope that he had attained the great end of his probation. May his death not have been in vain to us, his surviving brethren. And that summons too—which arrested one of the venerable Lay Deputies to the present Convention,* just as he was leaving home to join deliberations in which he has borne honorable part for many years—may not that voice in which he speaks to his surviving associates here, be unheeded. In such a day and hour as we think not, the bridegroom cometh. May we always be ready to go forth and meet Him !

GENERAL SUMMARY.

During the year now closed, I have officiated on two hundred and forty different occasions. On one hundred and fourteen of these occasions, I have administered the rite of Confirmation, the whole number of persons confirmed being *one thousand and twenty-seven*.

Nine Churches have been consecrated, and the corner-stones of four have been laid.

Seven candidates have been ordained to the ministry—three to the Diaconate, and four to the Priesthood. *Fourteen clergymen* have been received into the Diocese from abroad, and *five* have been dismissed.

I have also preached on one hundred and eighty-four occasions of public worship, and have delivered lectures and addresses in connection with confirmation and other services. I have baptized forty children and three adults—solemnized five marriages, officiated at four funerals, and administered the communion twenty-nine times.

* The Hon. Edward Davies, of Lancaster County, who has represented Bangor Church, Churchtown, the more than twenty years.

PARTICULARS.

The particulars are as follows:—

CONFIRMATIONS.

Adams County.—Christ church, Huntington, 8.

Alleghany County.—Christ church, Alleghany, 16; Trinity church, Pittsburgh, 36; St. Peter's, Pittsburgh, 11.

Armstrong County.—St. Paul's church, Kittanning, 13; Trinity church, Freeport, 6; St. Michael's church, Wayne Township, 14.

Beaver County.—St. Luke's church, Georgetown, 7; Christ church, New Brighton, 11.

Berks County.—St. Gabriel's church, Morlatten, 13, including 2 from Pottstown, and 1 from Reading; Christ church, Reading, 21; St. Thomas' church, Morgantown, 4.

Bradford County.—Christ church, Towanda, 5.

Bucks County.—St. James' church, Bristol, 8, and in private 1—9; St. Luke's church, Newtown, 2; Grace church, Hulmeville, 4.

Butler County.—St. Peter's church, Butler, 5.

Carbon County.—St. Mark's, Mauch Chunk, 4; St. Philip's, Summit Hill, 6.

Centre County.—St. John's church, Bellefonte, 3.

Chester County.—St. John's church, New London township, 4; St. Mary's, Warwick, 6; St. John's Pequea, 6; St. Paul's, West Whiteland, 1; Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester, 2; St. Peter's, Phoenixville, 15; St. James', Downingtown, 4.

Clearfield County.—St. Andrew's church, Clearfield, 1.

Columbia County.—St. Paul's church, Bloomsburg, 11; St. James', Derry, 4.

Cumberland County.—St. John's church, Carlisle, 10.

Delaware County.—St. David's church, Radnor, 7; Calvary church, Rockdale, 15; St. John's, Concord, 2; St. Paul's, Chester, 10; St. Martin's, Marcus Hook, 8;

Fayette County.—Christ church, Brownsville, 6; St. Peter's, Uniontown, 2; Trinity church, Connelsville, 3.

Indiana County.—St. Peter's church, Blairsville, 2.

Lancaster County.—St. James' church, Lancaster, 11; St. Paul's, Columbia, 4; All Saints', Paradise, 1.

Luzerne County.—Wilkesbarre, 5; Scranton, 2.

Lycoming County.—St. James' church, Muncy, 5; Christ church, Williamsport, 11.

Mifflin County.—St. Mark's church, Lewistown, 4.

Montgomery County.—St. Thomas' church, White Marsh, 9; Swedes' church, Upper Merion, 9; St. John's, Norristown, 12.

Montour County.—Christ church, Danville, 12.

Northampton County.—Trinity church, Easton, 14.

Northumberland County.—Treverton, 3.

Philadelphia County.—Christ church, Philadelphia, 15; St. Peters', at several confirmations, 42, besides 5 from the Floating Chapel, 47; St. James', 20; St. Paul's, 16, one of them a member of the Floating Chapel; in private, 1—17; St.

Stephen's, 15; St. Andrew's, 27; Grace church, 37, one of them from St. Andrew's; St. Luke's, 28; Church of the Epiphany, 15; Church of the Atonement, 20, and one in private—of these 1 from St. Philip's, 1 from All Saints', 1 from the Ascension; St. Philip's, Spring Garden, 24; Church of the Nativity, Spring Garden, 29; St. Jude's, Spring Garden, 8; Church of the Redemption, Fairmount, at two confirmations, 35; St. John's, Northern Liberties, 15; Advent church, Northern Liberties, 19; All Saints', Moyamensing, 21; Trinity church, Southwark, 20; Gloria Dei church, Southwark, 18; St. James', Kingsessing, 9; St. Matthew's, Francisville, 2; St. James-the-Less, 3; All Saints', Lower Dublin, 6, 1 in private, 7; Emmanuel church, Holmesburg, 6; St. Mark's, Frankford, 4; St. Luke's, Germantown, 3; Emmanuel church, Kensington, 7; St. Mary's church, West Philadelphia, 8; St. David's, Manayunk, at two confirmations, 31, 1 being from St. John's, Northern Liberties; St. Andrew's, Mantua, 8, two also in private, 10; Calvary church, 12.

Schuylkill County.—Trinity church, Pottsville (two confirmations), 21; St. James', Schuylkill Haven, 5; St. Paul's, Minersville, 2; Calvary church, Tamaqua, 5.

Susquehanna County.—St. Andrew's church, Springville, 2; St. Mark's, New Milford, 4; St. Paul's, Montrose, 3; Great Bend, 3.

Tioga County.—St. Paul's church, Wellsboro', 13; Tioga, 2; Lawrenceville, 2.

Washington County.—Trinity church, Washington, 7.

Westmoreland County.—Christ church, Greensburg, 12.

York County.—St. John's church, York, 4.

ORDINATIONS.

The following Candidates have been admitted to the *Diaconate* :—

July 11th, at Tamaqua, Mr. Aaron Christman.

September 12th, at St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia, Messrs. William White Montgomery and James L. Maxwell.

To the *Priesthood*, the Ordinations have been as follows :—

May 22d, at St. Peter's church, Philadelphia, Rev. J. Henry Black.

July 8th, at St. James' church, Philadelphia, Rev. John K. Murphy.

April 13th, at St. Peter's church, Uniontown, by request of the Bishop of Virginia, Rev. George Rumney.

May 5th, at St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia, Rev. Horatio Gray.

The **CONSECRATIONS OF CHURCHES** have been as follows :—

On Tuesday, July 13th, at Mauch Chunk, St. Mark's church.

On Sunday, September 26th, at Clearfield, Clearfield County, St. Andrew's church.

On Sunday, December 5th, at Phoenixville, St. Peter's church.

On Saturday, February 12th, at Birdsboro', Berks County, St. Mark's church.

On Sunday, February 13th, at Pottsville, Trinity church.

On Sunday, March 6th, at Philadelphia, the Church of the Atonement.

On Wednesday, March 30th, at the Village of the Rising Sun, Philadelphia, the Church of the Resurrection.

On Friday, April 8th, at New Brighton, Beaver County, Christ church.

On Saturday, April 9th, at Georgetown, Beaver County, St. Luke's church.

Of these nine churches, four are new edifices erected within the last two years, viz.:—St. Andrew's, Clearfield, St. Mark's, Birdsboro', Christ church, New Brighton, and the Church of the Resurrection, Philadelphia County. The rest of them are buildings which have been in use for sometime—two of them in an unfinished state—but have been burdened with debt. I cannot speak too highly of the generosity with which, at Pottsville, at Mauch Chunk, and at Phoenixville, a few individuals have come forward—in one case a single person—to assume and promptly pay off liabilities, which, in more than one instance, were very large. In all these congregations, the church has been established within the last twenty-five years; and in all of them but one (Pottsville), the buildings now consecrated, are the first that have been erected for worship according to our service.

There are also nearly ready for consecration three church buildings in Alleghany county, one in Montgomery county, one in Schuylkill county, and one in Wayne county.

Corner Stones.—On Friday, October 1st, I laid the corner stone of St. James' Church, Pittsburgh.

On Sunday, April 17th, I laid the corner stone of St. John's (Free Church), Lancaster.

Corner stones have also been laid with the usual solemnities for St. Luke's Church, Scranton, Luzerne county, and St. Luke's Church, Chartier's Creek, Alleghany county.

Parsonages.—Thirty-two of the cures of this Diocese, are now supplied with a residence for the Rector which belongs to the congregation, and which, in most instances, is entirely paid for. During the last year, a handsome and substantial parsonage has been erected for Christ Church, Danville, at the sole expense of one of the wardens. Parsonage houses have also been procured within the year for St. James', Downingtown, and St. Paul's, Chester, and a new building erected for St. Mark's, New Milford. Each of the churches in Susquehanna county, (three in number,) is now supplied with this valuable appendage. It is the only county in the Diocese containing more than one parish of which this can be said.

Letters of Dismission have been given to the Bishop of Ohio, in behalf of the Rev. Henry T. Hiester.

To the Bishop of Wisconsin, in behalf of the Rev. W. W. Arnett.

To the Bishop of Delaware, in behalf of the Rev. Charles Breck.

To the Bishop of Indiana, in behalf of the Rev. T. M. Goshorn.

To the Bishop of Western New York, in behalf of the Rev. P. S. Ruth.

Letters of Dismission have been accepted in behalf of the following clergy :

From the Bishop of Virginia, in behalf of the Rev. W. E. Webb.

From the Bishop of Ohio, in behalf of the Rev. J. J. McElhinney.

From the Bishop of Western New York, in behalf of the Rev. Charles Arey.

From the Bishop of Delaware, in behalf of the Rev. E. M. Van Deusen, and Rev. L. P. W. Balch, D.D.

From the Ecclesiastical Authority of New York, in behalf of the Rev. F. S. Wiley; and from the Bishop of New York, in behalf of the Rev. George C. Foote, the Rev. Morgan Dix, and the Rev. G. Lewis Platt.

From the Bishop of Massachusetts, in behalf of the Rev. Horatio Gray.

From the Bishop of New Jersey, in behalf of the Rev. Samuel Randall.

From the Bishop of Connecticut, in behalf of the Rev. N. E. Cornwall, and the Rev. Sylvester Nash.

From the Bishop of Cashel, Ireland, in behalf of the Rev. Richard Temple.

The following *Changes* have been made within the Diocese, in the relations of Pastors and Congregations.

The Rev. N. E. Cornwall, has become Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Pittsburgh, and the Rev. C. W. Quick, Rector of the Church of the Epiphany in the same city.

The Rev. E. M. Van Deusen has accepted a call as Associate Rector of Trinity church, Pittsburgh, and the Rev. George C. Foote, has become assistant minister of the same parish.

The Rev. J. A. Stone, formerly Rector of Grace church, Mount Washington, has become missionary in the district of Moyamensing, and assistant to the Rector of St. Luke's church, in this city.

The Rev. Charles Arey has become Rector of St. Paul's church, Erie.

The Rev. John K. Murphy, has become Rector of Calvary church, Rockdale, and of St. John's, Concord, made vacant by the resignation of the Rev. Charles Breck.

The Rev. John B. Clemson, has become Rector of St. Martin's church, Marcus Hook.

The Rev. L. P. W. Balch, D.D., has become Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester.

The Rev. Wm. F. Bryant, has been transferred as missionary from Lock's Mills, and parts adjacent, Mifflin county, to the north-western part of the city of Philadelphia, and the adjacent districts. He also acts as assistant to the Rector of the Church of the Atonement.

The Rev. H. S. Spackman, has been induced by considerations of health to become assistant minister of St. Matthew's, Francisville, and has been succeeded at Frankford, by the Rev. D. S. Miller.

The Rev. Horatio Gray, has become assistant minister at St. Andrew's church, and missionary in the adjacent districts.

The Rev. N. S. Harris, has become Rector of St. Paul's church, Chester, and has been succeeded in his former cure—the Church of the Nativity (Spring Garden,)—by the Rev. F. S. Wiley.

The Rev. G. Lewis Platt, has become Rector of the Church of the Mediator, in this city, made vacant by the removal from the Diocese of the Rev. W. W. Arnett.

The Rev. Daniel Washburn, formerly assistant minister of the Church of the Epiphany, has become Rector of Trinity church, Pottsville, made vacant by the resignation of Rev. W. C. Cooley.

The Rev. W. N. Diehl, has resigned the charge of St. Thomas' church, White-marsh, and the Rev. George P. Hopkins, that of St. Paul's church, Doylestown.

The Rev. William Hockel (deacon), has become the minister of the Church of the Evangelists, and the Rev. John Long, formerly at Montrose, is now minister of St. Luke's church, Scranton, and of St. James' Church, Pittston, Luzerne county.

The Rev. Richard Temple, has become minister of Christ Church, Brownsville.

The Rev. James A. Woodward having, in consequence of ill-health, resigned the charge of the church of the Evangelists in this city, is now acting as missionary in the Territory of Oregon.

The Rev. Heman Dyer, D.D., has become Rector of the Church of the Saviour, in West Philadelphia.

These statistics afford no just occasion for boasting; but they may well encourage us to renewed exertion, and they ought to excite our gratitude to God. The confirmations during the past year have been more numerous by full one quarter than in the year preceding, and by one-fifth greater than in any year before.—They have embraced, too, in much larger proportion than formerly, the young at that age which gives good promise of stability. The number of churches consecrated is also greater than in any previous year but one, when it was the same, and we have a larger accession than usual to the ranks of the clergy. Of the thirty-two parsonages in the Diocese, one-fourth have been provided within the last three years, and nearly two-thirds within the last six. The amount of debt, too, impending over our church property is inconsiderable when compared with what it was five years since, and I have every confidence that before another five years roll round we shall be able to exhibit one Diocese at least in which no parish will be obliged to report itself as still encumbered. For this result we owe fervent thanks to God, and under Him, to the earnest-minded, laborious clergymen, and zealous, generous hearted laymen, who have been the instruments of achieving it.

The last Convention entitled itself to my grateful acknowledgments, by an unanimous vote, instructing the Standing Committee to take order for increasing my salary; and I owe it to that committee to add that these instructions were carried out with promptitude and liberality. My thanks are due, also, to the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, who, during nearly eight years that I have been connected with the Diocese, has never failed to make payments quarterly on or before the day they became due. The generous consideration for my comfort, which has been shown in this as in many other ways, will be extended, I trust and fondly believe, to the Parish clergy—many of whom are in circumstances much more straitened than mine. As experience teaches that the addition made to my income, by this spontaneous and unexpected action of the Diocese, hardly replaces me where I stood six years since, the congregations will permit me to remind them, that unless parochial salaries, which were at that time scarcely sufficient, be increased in proportion to the increased expense of subsistence, the practical effect is a serious abridgment in the means of support. I am gratified

to know that, generally, throughout the Diocese, the tendency is upward, in respect to clerical compensation ; but I fear that the advance thus far has not kept pace with the rapid rise in prices.

Punctuality in the payment of salaries is not less important than adequacy in the amount. Clergymen, more than other men, should shun debt, and yet debt is unavoidable, if that which is promised them by their own people, is not promptly paid. It is melancholy to find that men, who are stern in exacting from others all that is their due, and who pride themselves on paying their butcher and baker with rigid punctuality, can withhold, often for months or years, that which they have formally guaranteed to him, who breaks to them the bread of life—a man, whom they acknowledged as the commissioned ambassador of God, and whose pride and pleasure it is to confide himself unreservedly to their Christian integrity and affection. In looking over the Parochial reports of the last two or three years, I regret to find that many of them omit to state as the Convention, by express resolution, requires, what amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive, and whether the same be in arrears. Where the reports embrace this item, arrears are found to exist in a larger proportion of cases than ought to be expected ; in some cases, the arrears are considerable when compared with the whole amount of salary, and the delinquency obtains most frequently in parishes which adopt a low rate of compensation. There is, I am sure, improvement in this particular ; but improvement is still needed, and in order to secure it, we ought to have the facts faithfully reported. I trust that, hereafter, the clergy will consider compliance with the order of the Convention, in this respect, as a duty which they owe not only to their parishes and themselves, but to the Diocese and Church at large. Reports in which this item is omitted expose the congregation to the suspicion of a delinquency which they are willing to incur, but not willing to have known. In a few years, if the matter is properly attended to, we may anticipate a great and salutary change.

There are two objects which I have endeavored to keep constantly in view—first, the building up of parishes already established—and secondly, the extension of the Church by the formation and sustentation of new Parishes. In order to strengthen existing congregations, many of which are still weak, it is of the first importance, that clergymen be zealous, able, and efficient ; but inasmuch as such men cannot be secured and retained unless their temporal wants are supplied, and inasmuch further as that supply ought, in most cases, to proceed from the people to whom they minister, it is of prime necessity that the working capacity and liberality of many of the parishes should be augmented. Hence the solicitude with which I have urged the payment of church debts—the erection of parsonages in rural districts and small towns, the increase and mere punctual payment of salaries, some assistance to the Clergy in the education of their sons and daughters, and some provisions for their families in case of their death. The parishes which have come most liberally and promptly into these measures, are those which are now blessed with the most signal evidences of outward prosperity, and of a blessing on the souls of the people. Let it be our constant prayer, and our united effort, that all the congregations in the Diocese, by doing their full

duty in this behalf, may entitle themselves to that honor from God which awaits those—and those only—who honor Him. Cheering improvement is already visible. With God's blessing on our steady perseverance, that improvement shall become more marked and universal.

One of the ways, in which existing parishes can materially enlarge their sphere of usefulness, and at the same time often prepare the way for new parishes is indicated in the following resolution, which was adopted at our last Convention :
"Resolved, That the Bishop be requested (if he see fit) to encourage the experiment of field and room preaching, in order that the Convention may hereafter the better judge of this mode of reaching a portion of the population of cities, now beyond the ordinary means of grace." In the address delivered last year, I expressed in strong terms my conviction that efforts of this kind were greatly needed. As well in rural parishes, mining districts and manufacturing villages, as in large cities, there are many, very many, whom the ministrations of our Church will never reach, or will reach most imperfectly, if we wait till they resort, of their own will, to regular services at church. I did not doubt that after this expression of my views, my brethren of the Clergy would assume that I should gladly encourage all prudent efforts to do this much neglected and much needed work. Field preaching is surrounded with difficulties, and I have as yet found no one willing to undertake it, to whom I thought a task so delicate could safely be confided. But services in private houses, and in rooms convenient of access to a laboring population, present no such difficulties ; and I am glad to say, that they are commanding increased attention, and have been crowned with the most gratifying success. More than one instance has come to my knowledge, which proves that by such services, carefully conducted, many can be attracted to church, who before were strangers to it : and a happy influence applied to families and neighborhoods, who before were living in recklessness and sin.* Care, of course, must be

* The subjoined letter and note will indicate the manner in which these services have been conducted by one of our clergy, and the manner in which they are received :—

PHILADELPHIA, May 14th, 1853.

DEAR SIR :

I commenced the cottage lectures at Frankford, referred to in your note, in consequence of my failure to interest the congregation in the extra services held during the season of Lent ; these had always been imperfectly attended ; in part from the daily employment of the people being an obstacle to their attendance.

In order to secure the end for which the observance of the season is directed, I determined, if the congregation would not come to the church, I would seek them in their houses. Without interrupting or diminishing the number of extra public services, a series of meetings was appointed at various points in the parish, that in their course I might reach all my parishioners. The meetings were held once a week, until Passion week, during which four were held ; the series closed with the lectures on Monday and Tuesday in Easter week. The following order was adopted in conducting the exercises :—1. A Psalm was sung ; 2. The evening Family Prayers or a selection of Collects was said ; 3. A Hymn was sung ; 4. A chapter of the Bible was read ; 5. A lecture was delivered from a text or incident in the chapter just read ; 6. A Hymn was sung ; 7. The exercises were closed with collects selected in reference to the season and the subject of the lecture, and with the benediction.

taken, lest such services supplant, in the affections of the people, those which pertain to the Sabbath and the Sanctuary. To these last are attached a power and a blessing, which should make us exceedingly slow to press forward others, which can in the remotest degree, be regarded as rival exercises. And especially is this the case, at a time when science, literature, and a misguided, though I trust not dishonest philanthropy, seem sometimes disposed to supersede, by teachings bereft of the Christian element, the time-honored and Heaven-accepted ordinances of God's day and House.

I have been rejoiced also to find, that some of our clergy give a portion of their time to the inmates of prisons. No persons more need the instructions and worship of the Church, and few accept them more readily. In Chester County, the prison and alms-house are visited regularly on every alternate Sunday, by a clergyman employed by the Chester and Delaware Convocation. In Philadelphia, Berks, and Montgomery, and I do not doubt in other counties, more or less of the same duty is performed; and I would commend it to the Clergy generally to whom prisons are accessible, as a field not likely to be reaped by others, where they will be sure to find the Master's blessing, and where they may secure new and bright trophies of their disinterested zeal.

The Clergy generally throughout the Diocese, devote more time and effort to labours of a missionary character. For this purpose in part, Assistants are now provided in several of our City parishes—and several of the Clergy in the interior of the Diocese, hold frequent services in places more or less remote from the immediate scene of their ministry. Three district missionaries are now employed and it is much to be desired that the number were increased.

That such efforts may be crowned with success, great earnestness and per-

These lectures were well attended, and the interest of the people in them grew with their progress. As my connexion with the parish ceased soon after the termination of these services I am unable to speak from my own observation of their religious effect. I refer you to the accompanying note addressed to me by Mr. Battersby, an earnest member of the congregation, to whom I handed your note, with the request that he would furnish me, for your use, with the judgment formed by the people upon the result of this experiment. My own opinion is, that such services are admirably calculated to build up a congregation and secure a full attendance at public worship in the church, in village and rural parishes.

With respect, very truly, &c.,

H. S. SPACKMAN.

Rt. Rev. A. Potter, Bishop, &c., &c.

MY DEAR SIR:

About the matter relative to the Cottage Lectures that you delivered in time of Lent, I, together with many of your hearers, are very happy to state that they were highly gratifying to the crowded number who attended them, and were the occasion of bringing about the feelings of many a penitent heart. I am satisfied that had they been continued, they would have been crowned with the greatest success, for numbers of your fellow-beings who never attended the church of God are now regular attendants at your church, and in conclusion let me add, that my own desire and that of all who joined in with them is, that they should be continued at least one night throughout the week.

IN BEHALF OF MANY DESIROUS OF THE SAME GOOD.

severance will be needed, as well as a large measure of faith and hopefulness. If these efforts spring from a transient enthusiasm, and are not followed up steadily—if because there are no early and marked results, we lose heart and abandon the ground, the fruits, of course, will be inconsiderable. That *due-time*, in which according to the Divine promise, we shall reap if we faint not, will often seem to our impatience to be too long delayed, and by giving way to premature despondence, we shall forfeit the harvest—copious perhaps and most blessed—which God has been ripening to our hands. When we engage in such work, where indifference is to be roused, prejudice disarmed, ignorance and misconception removed, and new habits induced, “hope on, hope ever” is our only safe motto. With God’s blessing, even apparent impossibilities will give way. Says one who had a large heart for the missionary work, especially among the neglected sons and daughters of toil, in his own country and neighborhood :— “Notwithstanding the failure of fond and sanguine hopes, I will still proclaim it as my faith that if a minister will but ply with the attention of common and Christian kindness, through the week, the families of such a district as the one that has been assigned to you—if he will but attend their funerals and visit their sick-beds, and watch over the deaths of those who are near and dear to them, and take cognizance of their children, and become the affectionate friend and familiar of the common people within the limits of his territory, and if, to lighten the cares and fatigues of such a superintendence and bring it within the compass of his own individual strength, he will attach to him, by his cordiality and courteousness, a parochial agency, at once to relieve him of his toils and give a ten-fold efficacy to his labors—I cannot but aver it as my yet unshaken confidence, that on these things being done, the result in the course of years, would be a numerous and steady congregation gathered out from among the families who had been attached by the services of Christian philanthropy performed in the midst of them.”

Early in Lent, I addressed a Pastoral letter to the Clergy of the Diocese, requesting that if not likely seriously to derange existing plans and arrangements, collections might be made in the congregations on the morning of Easter day, in aid of feeble churches, that are engaged in building houses of worship. The rapid increase of our population, requires the organization of new parishes, at points where a church edifice must be supplied, but where the means on the part of those interested, are more or less insufficient. Every effort is made to render this assistance from abroad, contingent upon the exertions that can be reasonably expected at home, and in this way a stimulus to such exertions is applied. If a fund for this purpose could be collected from year to year, and dispensed under proper supervision, it would not only greatly promote the extension of our Church—it would supersede many of the personal applications, which are now made at much expense of time and convenience to all parties, and which are not always successful in proportion to their respective merits. In the absence too, of some general effort throughout the Diocese, the inevitable result is that these applications, in addition to many from other Dioceses, centre at Philadelphia, and thus charge churchmen here, with more than their share of a burden which ought to be common to all.

The result of these collections was not large. They seem to have been made in but eighteen congregations, viz :

St. Peter's, Philadelphia,	\$85 00
Christ church, Reading,	20 05
Emmanuel church, Holmesburg,	16 68
St. Andrew's, West Philadelphia,	5 00
Grace church, Honesdale,	10 00
Christ church, Towanda,	10 00
St. Mark's, Mauch Chunk,	4 00
St. Philip's, Summit Hill,	8 00
Christ church, Danville,	8 60
St. Paul's, Bloomsburg,	15 00
A member of Christ church, Philadelphia,	10 00
St. Paul's, Chester,	15 00
Church of the Messiah, Port Richmond,	10 00
Holy Trinity, West Chester,	18 55
St. John's, Pequesa,	8 25
St. Stephen's, Harrisburg,	11 05
St. Peter's, Butler,	3 60
St. James', Muncy,	3 35½
" Downingtwn,	3 50
Trinity, Pottsville,	30 00
Total,	\$295 65½

This amount will be distributed among the Churches named in the letter, except where specific directions have been given by the contributors. It is proper to add that at my request, contributions had been previously made, to one or more of these churches; from St. Thomas' church, Morgantown; St. Mary's, Warwick; St. Mark's, Honeybrook; St. James', Perkiomen; St. Paul's, West Vincent; Bangor church, Churchtown; St. Andrew's, West Philadelphia; St. David's, Radnor; the Church of the Redeemer, Upper Merion; besides a very liberal one from Advent church, (Northern Liberties,) and also from St. Peter's, St. Paul's and Christ churches, Philadelphia.

As this object appears to be a very important one, and as I shall hold myself, in all cases, ready to carry out the wishes of the contributors, as to the destination of their gifts, I shall renew this call for an Easter collection in behalf of Church building in destitute parts of the Diocese, and shall cherish the hope that it will next year enlist an attention and interest somewhat more commensurate with its importance.

In my anxiety to increase the working power and efficiency of the congregations and clergy we now have, I may have sometimes overlooked too much another duty of the Episcopate—that of seeking out and introducing into the ministry, young men of the requisite zeal and ability. It is certain that the number of candidates for orders in this Diocese (eighteen,) is altogether disproportioned to her wants, and how to increase it becomes a question of such urgent interest and such pressing necessity, that I commend it to the serious con-

sideration of all the members of the Church. We have great need to ponder the words of our Master, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few." These words hold true to the letter, of the work which Providence spreads out before us in Pennsylvania. The call is from every side, and the frequency and the importunity with which it is repeated, becomes a source of inexpressible anxiety and pain, to those who are expected and entreated to afford assistance wholly beyond their ability. Let our prayers then go up more earnestly and frequently to the Lord of the Harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest, and let us be ever ready to encourage and sustain those, who, in the true spirit and with the proper qualifications, offer themselves for the work. Twenty-five clergymen are at this time much needed, and that additional number could now be supported, provided they are men who love work, who can endure hardness, and who are not wanting in piety, prudence and ability to teach.

Since the last meeting of the General Convention, the legacy left to the General Theological Seminary by the late Frederick Kohne, Esq., has been paid into the Treasury, and the number of Trustees representing the Diocese to which the generous Testator belonged, will be proportionately increased. The will of Mr. Kohne commences in these words:—"Be it remembered that I, Frederick Kohne, of the city of Philadelphia, Esquire, being of sound mind, memory and understanding, do hereby make my last will," &c. In view of this language, and of facts which correspond with and corroborate it, I did not, nor do I now doubt that Mr. Kohne, at the time of his death, was a layman of Pennsylvania, and that the addition to the Board would accrue to this Diocese. The late Bishop of South Carolina, however, for reasons which he assigned in writing and which are herewith submitted, came to a different conclusion, and at his instance a committee composed of Bishops Gadsden and Potter and E. A. Newton, Esq., was appointed by the Trustees of the General Seminary to consider and report upon the subject. The committee did not meet and two of its members found themselves unprepared to concur in the views which the Chairman (Bishop Gadsden) submitted in the form of a Report. Some of the reasons of my non-concurrence will be found in a letter addressed to Bishop Gadsden which accompanies this address. As the question will come before the General Convention at its approaching session in October next, and as claims on the part of South Carolina may be re-asserted, it is but right that the interests of this Diocese should be properly represented, and it may be expedient to commit the whole subject to a Committee of this Convention, to be considered and reported on during the present session. It is necessary, too, that the Secretary should be prepared to discharge the duty devolving on him by the 2d of our Revised Regulations, which directs that he shall transmit to the General Convention, with a certified list of the Clergymen in this Diocese, the amount of funds paid to the General Theological Seminary together with the nomination of Trustees of that Seminary.

Two years since, when we were preparing to celebrate the great Jubilee of the Society for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts, I was requested by the Clergy of the City and County of Philadelphia to prepare a Memoir or Discourse

on the History of the Church in Pennsylvania. In attempting to comply with this request, I did not proceed far, without becoming sensible that the materials at my command were altogether inadequate. I solicited assistance from the Rectors of the older Parishes in the Diocese; and it was in several instances very promptly and kindly afforded. Information, however, such as can be supplied only from local records and tradition, is still needed, and inasmuch as researches are making here and elsewhere, which will be likely at no distant day to clear up many questions which are now involved in more or less of doubt, I have concluded that some delay in the completion of this Memoir may not be inexpedient. Sensible, however, of the uncertainty of life, and of the increasing pressure of other cares, I shall cause my notes and the letters which I have received—with any communications from other Parishes, that have been or may be made, to the Standing Committee—to be bound up and deposited in the Archives of that Body. It may be recollected that eight years since, a Resolution was passed by the Convention, requesting that contributions towards the history of the several congregations in the Diocese, especially of those which are of earlier date, might be sent to the Standing Committee. From several congregations, these narratives have been received, but not from all.

Since the last General Convention the number of churches consecrated is *nineteen*; the number of ordinations, *twenty-four*, and the number of persons confirmed, *two thousand six hundred and fifty-five*. In the three years preceding, the number of churches consecrated, was twelve, and the number of persons confirmed, two thousand two hundred and fifty-one. In these two items, the increase has been very large; but in the number of ordinations, there has been a decrease, showing how strongly the subject of ministerial education claims a place in our prayers and exertions.

In our chequered lot unalloyed prosperity is not to be expected, and by those who consider well the exceeding frailty of the human heart, it will hardly be desired. Our adversities chasten pride and self-confidence, and our difficulties stimulate to higher exertion. This discipline of trial is not withheld from our church in these days. Both in our own and in our mother church, there is much to excite solicitude, much to provoke to greater faithfulness in prayer, to more of humble, self-sacrificing labor. Questions, which agitate the Anglican communion transfer themselves quite too easily to this country, and hence it is, that controversies, which in that Church, have owed much of their recent virulence and depth to local and political considerations, have been the occasion, in this country, and in our communion, of unnecessary disturbance. It is not to be denied, however, that questions touching the constitution and working of the Christian Church, have revived every where with unwonted power in these times, and that they demand calm and wise treatment. They have proved too unmanageable for some of our former associates, who have sought rest from the vexing storms of doubt and controversy, in submission to a power which claims to be the infallible expounder of doctrine and duty, but which usually relieves perplexity by extinguishing freedom of thought. These perversions have been much less frequent here than abroad, and less common in this Diocese, I am glad to say, than in some

other parts of our American Church. They are confined, for the most part, to the clergy, and are to be regretted, mainly as indications of an unsound temper of mind and habit of thinking among a portion of that body.

If they are referred to now it is not for the purpose of denunciation. These misguided brethren have gone out from us, because they were not of us, and we should accept their departure as cheering proof that no man who holds anti-protestant opinions, can, with a good conscience, remain permanently in our fold. Their power to do us material harm ceases, when they declare themselves; and for my own part, I hold them in much higher estimation when they manfully meet the consequences of their opinions, than while they remain repeating, with baited breath, professions of allegiance, and insinuating doctrines, which, till lately, no one supposed could be compatible with loyalty to a reformed communion. We may well mourn, however, that instead of accepting the Reformation as a blessing, and planting themselves on the liberty of doctrine, which that event gave back to the church, men of thoughtful minds and devout lives can be found, who pine after the spiritual bondage and the superstitious worship which our fathers were unable to bear. One reason is to be found, I apprehend, in the fact that, in our age, intellectual activity is greatly in advance of moral earnestness, and the consequences are seen in fluctuations of opinion and in a restless spirit of speculation, which are little consistent with a high-souled devotion to the work we have to do. In religion, too, as elsewhere, the æsthetical element is claiming more consideration than properly belongs to it, and sacred art, instead of being a useful auxiliary, or a serviceable handmaid, is too often exalted into a tyrannical mistress. At such a time, men, weary of the unexciting duties, and simple, but glorious verities of the faith, languish after a pompous ritual and a sublimated but sensuous piety. They rebel against the ordinance which makes faith an exercise and trial of the moral nature, by surrounding it with difficulties; and they betake themselves to a superior, who arrogates absolute supremacy alike over intellect and over conscience; or, sad to tell, they are too frequently borne by a critical and skeptical spirit to question the claims of all positive religion and to substitute for it a merely subjective christianity or some phase of blank and cheerless unbelief.

What is the remedy for this disease? So far as it manifests itself in a mediæval or Romeward tendency, we are not to cure it where it exists, or prevent its appearance where it does not, by defending or extenuating the mischief so long as the pervert remains in the church, which he has ceased to love, and overwhelming him with reproaches the instant he quits it. The earliest approaches to an insidious will-worship and a disguised Romanism, should be guarded against. Habits of thinking and speaking which are but too prevalent, in which the church is more prominent than her Head—sacramental grace more insisted upon than holiness of heart and life—zeal for shibboleth, substituted for zeal in doing and suffering God's will—outward unity put before fellowship of the spirit in the bond of peace—the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free, repudiated for a bondage to ordinances, and for prostration of mind and soul before some imaginary or self-constituted viceregent of Heaven,—this style of thinking and speaking is often the unconscious occasion of these defections, and against it therefore, we ought

ever to watch. Should grave doubts ever seize us, as to the validity of our commission, and the claims of the church to which we belong—should we ever come to hanker after the private confessional and the sacrament of penance—after more power and less responsibility for the clergy and more responsibility and less liberty for the people—in such case, we should know that we are in imminent danger—and if ministers of the sanctuary, we should forthwith be resolved of our doubts or suspend our ministrations. To doubt is not necessarily to sin; but to doubt and yet eat—to hover for a long time between two such systems as that of the Papacy and our own, and then to pass in a single day from the most sacred offices of our communion to the obedience of one which brands her with anathemas and casts her relentlessly out of the pale of hope—this is a course, which no sophistry can shelter from the scorn of good and honorable men. I venerate the talents, learning and zeal of some of those who have taken this course; but neither zeal, learning nor talent protects men from the gravest errors of judgment and the sorest derelictions of principle, and where such gifts are combined with recreancy to virtue, they only merit our sterner reprobation.

On the other hand, let us not, in attempting to shun one class of dangers, expose ourselves to another. They greatly mistake, who would arrest defections from our Church by discrediting its peculiarities. The positive institutions of Christianity, are a real and a most essential part of it. So long as we profess to regard these institutions—as shaped by our communion—to be Scriptural and edifying, so long we are bound to recommend them to the respect and observance of our people. The inward and spiritual grace is not to be implanted and strengthened in ordinary cases, without the outward and visible means; and, it is surely wiser and safer, as well as more dutiful, to cling to means which are appointed of God, or directed by the Church to which we have pledged our allegiance, than to resort to others of our own invention. In presence of such grievous defections, as we are compelled to witness, we are prone to think, that the further we recede from that which probably occasioned them, the nearer we approach to the truth. Hence these events are apt to produce their opposites, and we have the unseemly and pernicious spectacle of two opposite currents of opinion and practice, setting violently through the Church at the same time.

At such a juncture they who love and would promote the principles of the Reformation, must profit by the hard-earned experience of that period. Pertinacity in pressing points of doctrine the most mysterious and unpracticable, with stiffness in regard to clerical dresses, and to other questions of observance equally insignificant—gradually produced in our Mother Church, a reactionary school of theology, which ere long lost the confidence and respect of the English people, and helped to involve throne and altar in one common overthrow. Zeal for truth easily degenerates into intolerance; zeal for liberty into insubordination.

The times call for reverence towards the well-tried opinions of our fathers, and towards the golden mean which they adopted in doctrine and worship. It calls also for true Christian freedom, in so adjusting our preaching, our worship, and all our services, as best to move the minds with which we are called to deal. That some changes might be made in our services, especially in those appointed for certain

seasons, and in the Calendar of Lessons—that larger liberty might with advantage be accorded to the clergy, in adapting their ministrations to extraordinary emergencies—and that such changes need touch no important question of faith and practice, will probably be admitted by most persons who have considered the subject. What, however, is most needed, is a frank and cordial working out of the spirit of the Church, in all her essential elements as Evangelical and Catholic—as combining liberty with order—as securing spirituality, through the faithful use of instituted means—in one word, as giving to the Word and Sacraments, the discipline and worship of the Church—each in its due place and proportion. He does little service to the Gospel at such a time, who faults our usages, who ignores, as far as he can, the time-honored, commemorative observances of the Church, fomenting suspicion among brethren, and swelling the cry of indiscriminate denunciation against all who fail to adopt a similar laxity of opinion and practice. If it shall be the privilege of any of us, to win back to the simplicity of the faith, minds that are perplexed, it will be theirs who combine the faithful preaching of Christ with unfailing charity, and with a devout observance of all those means which the Church has established for the conversion of sinners and the edification of the faithful.

In concluding, let me remind you, brethren, that the times call for action more than for disputation—for prayer more than for recrimination. As against the allurements of an aspiring Church on one side, and the blandishments of a subtle, specious skepticism, which is rapidly undermining the faith of many, on the other—we need less of declamation, less of vague denunciation, but more, much more, of faithful study, of kindly, all-conquering labor. The foes, with whom we are called to contend, cannot be outdone in railing and disputing; but they can be surpassed in diligence, in knowledge, in meekness, in loving and untiring zeal for the best interests of men. Says an ancient apologist (Justin Martyr,) “The Lord requires of us, through the might of patience and gentleness, to entice all men out of the disgrace of their corrupt desires.” “The Witness,” adds an historian of the early church,* “which genuine Christians gave of their Lord, through their conduct—the healing power of the Gospel, which revealed itself in their life, was a most powerful engine in the conversion of the heathen.” We live in an age of active beneficence, and they who would supersede our ecclesiastical system by another, as well as they who would replace all church systems by one self-constituted, whether with or without the Bible—all agree in this, that they promise to abate the evils of life, and to make men happier and better than they now are. At such a time, it surely behooves us to be up and doing. Ours must be no holiday—no mere Sunday religion. It must aim, by its teaching and influence, to interpenetrate with a true Christian leaven, all the callings and relations of life. It must breathe into us a large-hearted charity, which has a tear and a helping hand for every form of suffering and sin. It must seek to regenerate all that is corrupt, and revivify all that is effete in our own principles and practice, and in the principles and practice of those to whom we minister. It must spread over our daily lives the sunshine of love, and peace and thankful-

* Neander.

ness to God. It must make us swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath—reluctant to think or speak evil of brethren, and diligent in doing good to all men, as we have opportunity. When Christians lead such lives, they triumphantly vindicate the truth as it is in Jesus from the misconceptions of the erring, and the misrepresentations of the unfriendly. When churchmen exhibit their devotion to their Church by such labors of love, and such lives of sanctity, they need fear neither the violence nor the arts of the most unscrupulous adversaries—for, if God be for us, who can be against us?

May 17th, 1853.

, A. POTTER.

CANDIDATES FOR ORDERS IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Robert Phipps,	since Feb. 7th,	1843.
Alexander Jauney,	" Nov. 4th.	1849.
James W. Robins,	" July	1850.
George B. Reese, jr.	" Dec.	1850.
Edward H. Kenedy,	" Feb.	1851.
George A. Crooke,	" May	1851.
Daniel Kendig,	" May	"
Lewis R. Standermeier,	" May	"
James T. Hutcheson,	" Oct.	"
Benjamin R. Smyser,	" Oct.	"
John K. Helmuth,	" Dec. 6th,	"
William Ely,	" Aug. 7th,	1852.
John Liggins,	" Oct. 2d,	"
E. W. Appleton,	" Oct.	"
Samuel E. Appleton,	" Oct.	"
Henry A. Coit,	" Dec. 12th,	1850,
transferred from Maryland,	" Nov. 16th,	1852.
John Williamson,	" Dec. 4th,	"
John W. Claxton,	" Feb.	1853.

Attest,

ALONZO POTTER,

Bishop, &c.

The House then proceeded to business. On motion of the Rev. S. A. Clark, it was

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to enquire into the number of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary to which this Diocese is entitled, and to nominate persons accordingly.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Sheets, the following resolution was adopted :—

Resolved, That this Convention record their grateful acknowledgment to their late Secretary, George M. Wharton, and the Rev. W. H. Odenheimer, Assistant Secretary, for their long, faithful, and highly acceptable services.

The Secretary called the attention of the House to the fact that under the Constitution the House would, at five o'clock, be called upon to elect Deputies to the General Convention and Members of the Standing Committee.

On motion adjourned.

WM. BACON STEVENS, *Secretary*.

Wednesday, 18th inst., 5 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention re-assembled. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The Rev. Mr. Beasley took his seat as a clerical member.

The Bishop announced as the Committee under the resolution of the Rev. Mr. Clark, adopted in the morning, the Rev. Mr. Clark, the Rev. Dr. Ducachet, Mr. Bohlen, Mr. J. H. Smith, and Judge Stroud.

A communication was received from the directors of the Academy of Fine Arts, inviting the members of the Convention to visit that institution.

The Bishop stated that the order of the day was the election of delegates to the General Convention, and appointed as tellers of the clerical vote, Rev. Messrs. Leaf, Paddock, Odenheimer, and Bryant; and as tellers of the lay vote, Messrs. W. Welsh, Aertsen, Stavely, and Sayer.

The following nominations were then made :—

By Mr. Ashhurst :—

Rev. Jas. H. Fowles.

Hon. John N. Conyngham.

" M. A. D'W. Howe, D.D.

Mr. Herman Cope.

" George D. Miles.

" Levi B. Smith.

" Wm. Bacon Stevens, D.D.

Hon. George M. Stroud.

By Rev. Mr. Montgomery :—

Rev. S. Bowman, D.D.	Mr. Gaylord Church.
" M. A. D'W. Howe, D.D.	Hon. John N. Conyngham.
" H. J. Morton, D.D.	" George M. Stroud.
" Wm. Bacon Stevens, D.D.	Mr. G. M. Wharton.

By Rev. Mr. Lightner :—

Rev. S. Bowman, D.D.	Mr. G. M. Wharton.
" H. J. Morton, D.D.	" J. R. Ingersoll.
" T. B. Lyman.	" Gaylord Church.
" H. S. Spackman.	" Wm. M. Meredith.

While the tellers were engaged in counting, the following proceedings took place :—

The Bishop laid on the table the report of the trustees of the clergy daughters' fund.

The Standing Committee presented to the Convention the charters of the following churches :—

Christ church, Germantown, Philadelphia Co.
 Trinity church, Maylandville.
 St. Luke's church, Scranton, Luzerne Co.
 St. John's church, Latrobe, Westmoreland Co.
 St. Philip's church, Manchester, Alleghany Co.
 Church of the Epiphany, Pittsburgh, Alleghany Co.

And also the articles of association of

Christ church, Borough of Indiana, Indiana Co.
 St. Mark's church, Birmingham, Alleghany Co.

Which they had examined and found to be correct, which charters and articles of association were referred to the Committee on Charters, who reported the following resolution, which was adopted :—

Resolved, That Christ church, Germantown, Philadelphia County; Trinity church, Maylandville, Philadelphia County; St. Luke's church, Scranton, Luzerne County; St. John's church, Latrobe, Westmoreland County; St. Philip's church, Manchester, Alleghany County; Church of the Epiphany, Pittsburgh, Alleghany County; Christ church, Borough of Indiana, Indiana County; St. Mark's church, Birmingham, Alleghany County, be and are hereby admitted into union with this Convention.

The Report of the Treasurer and Trustees of the Episcopal Fund was then read and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Thomas Robins, it was

Resolved, That Moses Kempton, John Welsh, jr., Thomas M. Pettit and Wm. H. Newbold, be and they are hereby appointed Trustees of the Christmas Fund for Disabled Clergymen.

The report of the Standing Committee was then read as follows :—

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, respectfully present to the Convention, the following abstract of their proceedings during the past year.

They organized on the 1st of June, by the election of the Rev. Dr. Morton as President, and Edward C. Biddle as Secretary, and have, during their year of service, signed testimonials recommending the admission of David Henderson, William Ely, John Liggins, Edward W. Appleton, Samuel C. Appleton, John Williamson, and John W. Claxton, as candidates for Holy Orders—of

Wm. White Montgomery, and James Lee Maxwell, for admission to the Holy Order of Deacons—and of the

Revs. John K. Murphy, Horatio Gray, Morgan Dix, and Wm. White Montgomery, for admission to the Holy Order of Priests.

In obedience to a resolution of the Convention of this Diocese of 1841, the Standing Committee, at their first meeting, appointed a Committee of Records. Their report presented to the Standing Committee on the 10th inst., was directed to be, and is herewith transmitted to the Convention.

On the subject of an increase of the salary of the Bishop of this Diocese, referred by the last Convention to the Standing Committee, with power to take order in the premises, and report their action on the same to the next annual Convention, the Standing Committee adopted the following resolution :

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Committee, the salary of the Bishop of this Diocese, ought not to be less than four thousand dollars per annum, exclusive of appropriations for travelling expenses. That the whole of the interest of the Episcopal Fund be applied towards the payment of the said salary ; and that until the said interest, together with the interest of the Doz, Pilmore, and Kohne legacies, shall amount to four thousand dollars per annum, the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund be authorized and instructed to pay to the Bishop, the collections made in aid of the Episcopal Fund, or so much thereof as, with the said interest, shall amount to four thousand dollars per annum ; the said payments to be made to the Bishop quarterly, dating from the 23d day of May last (1852).

On the 19th of October, 1852, the Committee signed the Testimonial of the Rev. Jonathan Mayhew Wainwright, D.D., as Provisional Bishop-elect of the Diocese of New York.

Authority was granted to the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, to invest the balance in his hands in May last, together with \$500, the bequest of the late Susan B. Brown, of Christ Church, Philadelphia, to the Episcopal Fund, in the 5 per cent. loan of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania ; also to invest in the same securities, any of the said loans which may from time to time become due, and be paid off by the State.

The Committee passed the following resolution in relation to applicants for Priests' Orders, viz :

Resolved, That in the case of Deacons desiring to be ordained to the Priesthood, within less than one year from their ordination to the Diaconate, the Standing Committee deem it due to the Bishop, to await a notification from him that he has acceded to this desire.

On the 3d of May, 1853, the following letter from George M. Wharton, Esq., Secretary of the Convention, was presented, and on motion accepted, to take effect at the time therein designated:

To the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Pennsylvania:

GENTLEMEN—I hereby respectfully resign my office of Secretary of the Convention of our Church in this Diocese.

The main cause is the injury to my health, which the pressure of this and other duties involves.

In order to avoid any inconvenience to the business of the Convention, I propose my resignation to take effect at its opening. I shall, of course, make all the arrangements for the commencement of the Session, in the preparation of the Lists, recording the names, &c.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

Philada., May 3d, 1853.

(Signed)

G. M. WHARTON.

The Committee respectfully renew their report of last year, that St. Peter's Church, Beaver Falls, Beaver county, and St. Mark's Church, Mantua, Philadelphia county, have made no parochial report for three years to the Convention, no missionary report being made in their behalf; and during the same period have neither employed a clergyman as their parish minister, nor have requested of the Bishop to have the services of a missionary.

EDWARD C. BIDDLE, Secretary.

Philadelphia, May 17th, 1853.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Morton, it was

Resolved, That, in conformity with the 4th Article of the Constitution, the following churches embraced in the Report of the Standing Committee, submitted the 17th day of May, 1853—St. Peter's church, Beaver Falls, Beaver County, and St. Mark's church, Mantua, Philadelphia County; shall no longer have a right to send a Deputy or Deputies to the Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Hare, the Report of the Committee on Records, made to the Standing Committee, was ordered to be spread upon the minutes of the Convention.

The Report is as follows :

To the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Pennsylvania :

The Committee of Records respectfully report that they have during the current year, received from Horace Binney, Esquire, as a gift to the Diocese, complete sets suitably bound, of the Journals of the General Convention to the year 1847 inclusive, and of the Journals of the Pennsylvania Convention to the year 1850 inclusive; that they have collected through the comity of officers of Conventions in other States, many Journals of their Dioceses; and that there are now in store in the room appropriated to the purpose at the Episcopal Academy, the following pamphlets, books, &c.

Records of Pennsylvania.

A manuscript book purporting to be the "Original Journal of Diocesan Conventions of Pennsylvania, to the year 1790 inclusive.

A manuscript folio book bound in rough calf, and bearing the title "Account of the Rise of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Pennsylvania."

Bundles of manuscript and other papers, purporting to be Minutes, Reports, Certificates of Lay Delegates, &c., relating to the Conventions of 1824, 1826, 1827, 1828, 1829, 1830, 1831, 1832, 1833, 1834, 1835, 1836.

Blank notices of Annual meeting of Convention, (circular) 150 copies.

Blank certificates of admission of candidates for Holy Orders, 140 copies.

A complete set of Journals in four vols., full bound, 1784 to 1850 inclusive.

A complete set of Journals in six vols., full bound, 1784 to 1852, inclusive.

A set of Journals (unbound) complete with the exception of those for the following years, viz:—1785 to 1795 inclusive, 1810, 1812, 1825, 1826, 1827, 1831, 1837 and 1847.

A set of Journals (unbound) complete with the exception of those for the following years, viz:—1785 to 1795 inclusive, 1809, 1810, 1811, 1812, 1825, 1826, 1827, 1831, 1837 and 1847.

Journals of Annual Conventions.

12th, 13th and part of 14th,	1796	} 86 copies.
	1797	
	1798	
Remainder of 14th and 15th, 16th and 17th,	1799	} 104 "
	1800	
	1801	
	1802	
18th, 19th and part of 20th,	1803	} 106 "
	1804	
	1805	
21st,	1805	46 "
22d,	1806	77 "
23d and 24th,	1807, 1808	100 "
29th,	1813	475 "
30th,	1814	146 "

31st,	1815	75	copies.
32d,	1816	44	"
33d,	1817	5	"
34th,	1818	20	"
35th,	1819	97	"
36th,	1820	400	"
37th,	1821	134	"
38th,	1822	40	"
39th,	1823	78	"
40th,	1824	12	"
44th,	1828	2	"
45th,	1829	86	"
46th,	1830	143	"
48th,	1832	75	"
49th,	1833	27	"
50th,	1834	82	"
51st,	1835	18	"
52d,	1836	18	"
54th,	1838	134	"
55th,	1839	41	"
56th,	1840	160	"
57th,	1841	58	"
58th,	1842	32	"
59th,	1843	15	"
60th,	1844	2	"
61st,	1845	7	"
62d,	1846	2	"
64th,	1848	131	"
65th,	1849	143	"
66th,	1850	16	"
67th,	1851	131	"
68th,	1852	70	"

Journals of Special Conventions.

1826,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	copies.
1844,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	584	"

Constitution and Canons for

1822,	30	copies.	1839,	65	"
1825,	135	"	1844,	194	"
1829,	100	"	1851,	365	"
1829, (half bound)	31	"			

Episcopal Charges.

Bishop White, 1825,	142	copies.	Bishop White, 1832,	51	copies.
" 1831,	3	"	" 1834,	413	"

Bishop Onderdonk, 1833, 90 copies; Bishop Potter, 1849, 274 copies.
 " Potter, Primary, 10 " " 1851, 1852, 996 "

*Reports of the Trustees of the Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the
 Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.*

24th,	11 copies.	36th,	5 copies.
33d,	1 "	37th,	27 "
34th,	1 copy.		

Nineteenth Report of the Bishop White Prayer Book Society, 67 copies.

A sermon on Early Piety, by the Rt. Rev. Bishop White, 14 copies.

Proposed Canons (1829), 38 copies.

Call of the Bishop for a special Convention (circular 1826) 55 copies.

By-Laws (passed since 1844) of the Corporation for the relief of widows and children of Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Pennsylvania, 3 copies.

Charter of the united churches of Christ Church, St. Peter's and St. James'. with By Laws, Canons, &c., 1 copy.

The decision of the Bishops who united in the consecration of the Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, 6 copies.

Narrative of the consecration of the Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, with the address of the presiding Bishop (1827), 156 copies.

A reply to a letter remonstrating against the consecration of the Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, with a copy of the Letter (1827), 10 copies.

" Episcopal Government," a sermon preached at the consecration of the Bishop of Pennsylvania by the Bishop of Vermont (1845), 155 copies.

" A Plea for Union," a sermon by the Rev. Dr. Tyng (1844), 80 copies.

" An Efficient Ministry," a sermon by the Rev. Thos. M. Clark (1845), 27 copies.

Records of General Convention.

A full set of Journals in four vols. half bound 1784 to 1850 inclusive.

A full set of Journals (unbound) to 1847, inclusive, with the exception of that for the year 1820.

Journals for the following years, viz :

1789	74 copies	1826	18 copies
1792	17 "	1829	8 "
1795	1 "	1832	1 "
1799	1 "	1835	1 "
1804	1 "	1847	1 "
1808	32 "		
			<i>Pastoral Letters.</i>
1811	105 "	1811	1 copies.
1817	215 "	1814	1 "
1821	12 "	1817	3 "

Office of Institution of Ministers into parishes, 14 copies.

Proposed Psalms, 6 copies.

Paper relative to the last Rubric in the Communion service, 26 copies.

"Christ's warning to the Church," a sermon by Rt. Rev. A. V. Griswold, 2 copies.

Special Vocation of the Protestant Episcopal Church," a sermon by the Rt. Rev. B. B. Smith, D.D. (1850), 2 copies.

Records of other Dioceses.

A bound volume of Journals of New York, 1765, to 1819, inclusive.

Sets of Journals as follows, viz:

for 1785-6 N. Jersey.
1793 N. Jersey.
1794 N. Jersey.
1795 N. Jersey.
1796 N. Jersey.
1798 N. Jersey.
1799 N. Jersey.
1801 N. Jersey.
1802 N. Jersey.
1803 N. Jersey.
1804 N. Jersey.
1804 N. York.
1805 N. Jersey.
1806 N. Jersey.
1809 N. Jersey.
1810 N. Jersey.
1812 N. York.
1812 Virginia.
1814 N. Jersey.
1815 N. Jersey.
1817 N. Jersey.
1817 Virginia.
1818 N. Jersey.
1818 Ohio.
1819 N. Jersey.
1819 N. Carolina.

1820.
Connecticut.
N. Jersey.

1821.
N. Jersey.
Ohio.

1822.
Vermont.
N. Jersey.
Ohio.

1823.
N. Jersey.
N. Carolina.

Ohio.
Georgia,

1824.
N. Jersey.

1825.
Vermont.
N. Jersey.

1826.
N. Carolina.
Ohio.
Mississippi.

1827.
N. Jersey.
Ohio.

1829.
Maine.
N. Hampshire.
N. Carolina.
N. York.
N. Brunswick.

1830.
Vermont.
N. York.
N. Jersey.
N. Carolina.
Ohio.
Georgia.

1831.
N. Hampshire.
N. York.

1832.
N. Hampshire.
N. York.
N. Jersey.

1833.
N. Hampshire.
N. York.
N. Jersey.
Ohio.

1834.
N. Hampshire.

R. Island.
N. York.
N. Jersey.
N. Carolina.
Ohio.

1835.
N. Hampshire.
Rhode Island.
New York.
New Jersey.
Ohio.
Illinois.

1836.
New Hampshire.
New York.
New Jersey.
Virginia.
Ohio.
Illinois.

1837.
New Hampshire.
Rhode Island.
New York.
New Jersey.
Ohio.
Tennessee.

1838.
Rhode Island.
New York.
New Jersey.
Virginia.
Ohio.

1839.
New Hampshire.
Vermont.
Rhode Island.
Connecticut.
New York.
W. N. York.
New Jersey.
Pennsylvania.
Virginia.
Ohio.
Tennessee.

Illinois.

1840.

Eastern Diocese.
Vermont.
Rhode Island.
Connecticut.
New York.
Western N. York.
New Jersey.
Pennsylvania.
Virginia.
Ohio.
Kentucky.
Tennessee.
Indiana.

1841.

Maine.
New Hampshire.
Vermont.
Rhode Island.
Connecticut.
New York.
Western N. York.
New Jersey.
Pennsylvania.
Delaware.
Maryland.
Virginia.
South Carolina.
Ohio.
Georgia.
Kentucky.
Tennessee.
Mississippi.
Alabama.
Illinois.
Florida.
Indiana.
Missouri.

1842.

Eastern Diocese.
Maine.
New Hampshire.
Vermont.
Massachusetts.
Rhode Island.
Connecticut.
New York.
Western N. York.
New Jersey.
Pennsylvania.
Delaware.
Virginia.
Ohio.

Georgia.
Kentucky.
Tennessee.
Louisiana.
Michigan.
Alabama.
Illinois.
Florida.

1843.

Maine.
New Hampshire.
Vermont.
Rhode Island.
Connecticut.
Western New York.
New Jersey.
Pennsylvania.
Virginia.
South Carolina.
Ohio.
Kentucky.
Tennessee.
Illinois.
Indiana.

1844.

Maine.
New Hampshire.
Vermont.
Rhode Island.
Connecticut.
New York.
Western New York.
New Jersey.
Pennsylvania.
Delaware.
Virginia.
Ohio.
Tennessee.
Michigan.
Florida.
Indiana.
Missouri.

1845.

Maine.
Vermont.
Rhode Island.
Massachusetts.
Connecticut.
New York.
Western New York.
New Jersey.
Pennsylvania.
Delaware.

Maryland.
Virginia.
North Carolina.
Ohio.
Kentucky.
Tennessee.
Louisiana.
Michigan.
Alabama.
Illinois.
Florida.
Indiana.
Missouri.

1846.

Maine.
New Hampshire.
Vermont.
Massachusetts.
Rhode Island.
Connecticut.
New York.
Western New York.
New Jersey.
Pennsylvania.
Delaware.
Maryland.
Virginia.
North Carolina.
South Carolina.
Ohio.
Georgia.
Kentucky.
Tennessee.
Louisiana.
Michigan.
Alabama.
Illinois.
Florida.
Indiana.
Missouri.

1847.

Maine.
New Hampshire.
Vermont.
Massachusetts.
Rhode Island.
Connecticut.
New York.
Western New York.
New Jersey.
Pennsylvania.
Maryland.
Virginia.
North Carolina.

South Carolina.
Ohio.
Georgia.
Kentucky.
Tennessee.
Louisiana.
Michigan.
Illinois.
Florida.
Indiana.
Missouri.
Wisconsin.

1848.

Maine.
New Hampshire.
Vermont.
Massachusetts.
Rhode Island.
Connecticut.
New York.
Western New York.
New Jersey.
Pennsylvania.
Delaware.
Maryland.
Virginia.
North Carolina.
South Carolina.
Ohio.
Georgia.
Kentucky.
Tennessee.
Louisiana.
Michigan.
Alabama.
Illinois.
Florida.
Indiana.
Missouri.

1849.

Maine.
New Hampshire.
Vermont.
Rhode Island.
Connecticut.
New York.
Western New York.
New Jersey.
Pennsylvania.
Delaware.
Maryland.
Virginia.
South Carolina.
Ohio.
Kentucky.

Tennessee.
Mississippi.
Louisiana.
Michigan.
Alabama.
Florida.
Indiana.
Wisconsin.

1850.

Maine.
New Hampshire.
Vermont.
Massachusetts.
Rhode Island.
Connecticut.
New York.
Western New York.
New Jersey.
Pennsylvania.
Maryland.
Virginia.
North Carolina.
South Carolina.
Ohio.
Georgia.
Kentucky.
Tennessee.
Mississippi.
Louisiana.
Michigan.
Illinois.
Alabama.
Indiana.
Missouri.
Wisconsin.
Texas.
California.

1851.

Maine.
New Hampshire.
Vermont.
Massachusetts.
Rhode Island.
Connecticut.
New York.
Western New York.
New Jersey.
Pennsylvania.
Delaware.
Virginia.
North Carolina.
South Carolina.
Ohio.
Georgia.
Kentucky.

Tennessee.
Louisiana.
Michigan.
Alabama.
Illinois.
Florida.
Indiana.
Missouri.
Texas.

1852.

Maine.
New Hampshire.
Vermont.
Massachusetts.
Connecticut.
New York.
Western New York.
New Jersey.
Pennsylvania.
Delaware.
Maryland.
Virginia.
North Carolina.
South Carolina.
Ohio.
Georgia.
Kentucky.
Mississippi.
Louisiana.
Michigan.
Alabama.
Illinois.
Florida.
Indiana.
Missouri.
Texas.

1853.

Florida.

DUPLICATES OF THE ABOVE
AS FOLLOWS :

Maine.

1849

1847

New Hampshire.

1834

1841

1852

Vermont.

1851

1852

Connecticut.

1851

1852

New York.	Missouri.	Florida,	1852
1838	1846	EPISCOPAL CHARGES,	
1801 to 1804	1847	SERMONS AND ADDRESSES.	
1850	1848	Tennessee.	
1851	1850	Rt. Rev. Dr. Otey,	
Western New York.	1851, 2 copies.	1841	
1838	New Jersey.	New Jersey.	
1840	1817, 2 copies.	Rt. Rev. Dr. Doane,	
Virginia.	1818	1842	
1842—7 copies.	1819	Kentucky.	
1845	1820	Rt. Rev. Dr. Smith,	
South Carolina.	1821	1847	
1841	1823, 2 copies.	Rt. Rev. Dr. Chase,	
1843	1825	1850. 220 copies.	
Ohio.	1829	Rt. Rev. Dr. De Lancey,	
1840	1830, 2 copies.	1830. 76 copies.	
Louisiana	1832	Rt. Rev. Dr. Hopkins.	
1842	1833	1845. 155 copies.	
1849	1834	Sermon and Address	
1852	1836, 2 copies.	at Consecration of Bp. B.	
Illinois.	1837	T. Onderdonk, N. Y.	
1842	1838, 2 copies.	1830. 53 copies.	
1843	1839	Discourse by Professor	
1851, 2 copies.	1840, 2 copies.	Hale, New Hampshire,	
1852	1841, 2 copies.	1830.	
Florida.	1842	Discourse by Rev. S.	
1841	1843	G. Gassaway, Maryland,	
1846, 2 copies.	1852, 2 copies.	1850.	
1847	CONSTITUTION AND	Examination of a case	
1848	CANONS.	of Discipline, &c., by	
Indiana.	New York, 1851	Rev. C. Fox, 1850.	
1844	W. New York, 1851		
1852	Vermont, 1852		

The undersigned in conclusion beg leave to suggest to the Standing Committee, the expediency of the passage of the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Committee entertain a grateful sense of the care and kindness of Horace Binney, Esq., who has preserved and put into the possession of the Convention, valuable collections of the Records of this Diocese, and of the General Convention.

G. EMLÉN HARE,
G. M. WHARTON,
EDWARD C. BIDDLE, } Committee.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Sheets, it was

Resolved, That members of the Convention and others be requested to co-operate in completing the documents in the possession of the Standing Committee.

On motion of Mr. G. M. Wharton, it was

Resolved, That the document prepared in pursuance of the Resolution adopted at last Convention, on motion of Rev. Mr. Franklin, concerning the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese, be referred to a committee of three, to examine the same and report at the next Convention the appropriate action to be taken with reference thereto.

The Committee appointed were the Rev. Dr. Hare, Rev. Mr. Franklin, and Mr. G. M. Wharton.

The tellers on the vote for Clerical delegates to the General Convention reported as follows : 99 persons deposited their votes ; and 102 ballots were deposited, of which one was in blank, and two were for members of the Standing Committee, and the remainder for delegates to the General Convention. Necessary to a choice 50. Of the votes for delegates to the General Convention, the result was as follows :—

Rev. Dr. Howe received	61	vote's.	Hon. J. N. Conyngham received	60	votes.
" " Stevens "	62	"	" " G. M. Stroud "	60	"
" Mr. Fowles "	49	"	" Mr. H. Cope "	52	"
" Mr. Miles "	48	"	" Mr. L. B. Smith "	50	"
" Dr. Bowman "	47	"	" Hon. Gaylord Church "	46	"
" Dr. Morton "	46	"	" Mr. G. M. Wharton "	46	"
" Mr. Lyman "	35	"	" Hon. J. R. Ingersoll "	38	"
" Mr. Spackman "	35	"	" Hon. Wm. M. Meredith "	36	"

The Tellers on the part of the Laity reported as follows:—95 votes were cast, of which 48 constituted a choice.

Rev. Dr. Howe received	67	vote's.	Hon. J. N. Conyngham received	67	votes.
" " Stevens "	67	"	" " G. M. Stroud "	67	"
" Mr. Fowles "	57	"	" Mr. H. Cope "	61	"
" " Miles "	54	"	" " L. B. Smith "	56	"
" Dr. Bowman "	39	"	" Hon. Gaylord Church "	32	"
" Dr. Morton "	39	"	" Mr. G. M. Wharton "	34	"
" Mr. Lyman "	23	"	" Hon. J. R. Ingersoll "	28	"
" " Spackman "	25	"	" " W. M. Meredith "	27	"

On motion of Mr. T. K. Bull, the rule requiring an adjournment at 7 o'clock was suspended.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Stevens, the following resolution was adopted :—

Whereas, the Tellers on the part of the clergy report, that 99 persons deposited their ballots in the box, and whereas 102 ballots were found in the box, and whereas said extra ballots have been satisfactorily accounted for by clergymen present, said ballots not being for delegates to the General Convention, therefore, be it resolved, that the three extra ballots be stricken out from the Tellers' report.

The Bishop thereupon announced that the Rev. Dr. Howe, the Rev. Dr. Stevens, Judge Conyngham, Judge Stroud, Mr. Cope, and Mr. L. B. Smith, had been duly elected Delegates to the General Convention.

The House having proceeded to the election of members of the Standing Committee, the following nominations were made by Mr. Lewis R. Ashhurst:—

Rev. C. D. Cooper,	Mr. Edw. C. Biddle,
“ G. Emlen Hare, D.D.	“ John Bohlen,
“ R. Newton, D.D.	“ Edw. Olmsted,
“ Wm. Suddards,	“ Thomas Robins,
“ J. A. Vaughan, D. D.	“ Richard S. Smith.

By Rev. M. C. Lightner :

Rev. J. C. Clay, D.D.	Mr. Tobias Wagner,
“ H. J. Morton, D.D.	“ Peter Williamson,
“ John Coleman, D.D.	“ Henry M. Watts,
“ J. P. B. Wilmer,	“ M. Russell Thayer,
“ J. Brinton Smith.	“ Richard R. Montgomery.

By Rev. H. E. Montgomery:—

Rev. Dr. Clay,	Mr. E. C. Biddle,
“ “ Hare,	“ John Bohlen,
“ “ Howe,	“ Thomas Robins,
“ “ Morton,	“ R. S. Smith,
“ “ Vaughan,	“ Tobias Wagner.

The following Tellers were then appointed by the Bishop, viz:—Clerical Tellers, Rev. Messrs. Beasley, Montgomery, Duane and Long; and Lay Tellers, Messrs. L. R. Ashhurst, L. Lewis, J. C. Booth, and Thomas K. BuH.

The Tellers being prepared to report, made the following report upon the vote for members of the Standing Committee. The Tellers on the part of the Clergy reported that 97 votes had been cast for members of Standing Committee, that 97 voters had deposited their ballots,

and that two votes had been deposited for Deputies to General Convention.

Rev. Mr. Cooper	received 52 vot's.	Mr. E. C. Biddle	received 61 votes
" Dr. Hare	" 64	" J. Bohlen	" 63
" " Newton	" 48	" E. Olmsted	" 51
" Mr. Suddards	" 47	" Thomas Robins	" 62
" Dr. Vaughan	" 63	" Richard S. Smith	" 62
" " Clay	" 45	" Tobias Wagner	" 47
" " Morton	" 50	" Peter Williamson	" 34
" " Coleman	" 31	" H. M. Watts	" 33
" Mr. Wilmer	" 32	" M. Russell Thayer,	" 34
" " J. Brinton Smith	" 35	" R. R. Montgomery	" 34
" Dr. Howe	" 14		
" Mr. Franklin	" 1		
" Dr. Bowman	" 2		
" " Stevens	" 1		

The Tellers on the part of the Laity reported that 99 votes had been cast, 50 necessary to a choice :

Rev. Mr. Cooper	received 59 votes.	Mr. E. C. Biddle	received 75 votes.
" Dr. Hare	" 74	" J. Bohlen	" 74
" " Newton	" 59	" E. Olmsted	" 59
" Mr. Suddards	" 58	" Thomas Robins	" 74
" Dr. Vaughan	" 72	" Richard S. Smith	" 71
" " Clay	" 36	" Tobias Wagner	" 39
" " Morton	" 43	" Peter Williamson	" 23
" " Coleman	" 23	" H. M. Watts	" 25
" Mr. Wilmer	" 26	" M. Russel Thayer	" 24
" " J. B. Smith	" 24	" R. R. Montgomery	" 24
" Dr. Howe	" 17		
" " Stevens	" 2		
" " Bowman	" 1		
" Mr. Montgomery	" 1		

The Bishop thereupon announced, that Rev. Mr. Cooper, Rev. Drs. Hare and Vaughan, of the clergy; and Messrs. Biddle, Bohlen, Olmsted, Robins, and Richard S. Smith, of the laity, having received the requisite majority of votes, had been duly elected members of the Standing Committee, and that no choice had been had of the remaining two clerical members of that Committee.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the house do now proceed to the election of two Clerical Deputies to General Convention ; and of two clerical members of the Standing Committee.

The Bishop appointed the same tellers as had served on the first ballots.

On motion, the House then adjourned.

Thursday, May 19, 1853, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention was opened by prayer by the Bishop. After service the Convention came to order for business.

The calling of the roll was, on motion, dispensed with.

The minutes of the session of yesterday P. M. were then read and approved.

Messrs. J. Shannon and James Taylor appeared and took their seats as lay delegates.

Rev. Dr. Hare then called the attention of the Convention to the Resolution which he laid upon the table of last Convention (vide p. 53), referred to the consideration of this Convention, and moved that the following words in Canon VII. Section VI. (Canons of the Diocese of Pennsylvania), viz :—"draw up with the advice and approbation of the Bishop, a condensed report and tabular view of the state of the church, to be entered upon the Journal, and they shall specify therein," be stricken out, which was adopted.

He also moved that the following words be inserted, viz :—"prepare a report to be submitted thereto, of" which was adopted.

He also moved that "the recommendation of the General Convention relating to Diocesan statistics for the use of the House of Deputies, be, and hereby is, enacted into a law of the Diocese, which shall read as follows :—

CANON.

SECTION 1.—The Bishop and Standing Committee, or (if there be no Bishop) the Standing Committee only, shall prepare a condensed report, and tabular view of the state of the church in this Diocese, previously to the meeting of every General Convention, for the purpose of aiding the committee on the state of the church, appointed by the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, in drafting their report.

SECTION 2.—The tabular view aforesaid shall be appended to the journal of the annual Diocesan Convention, next previous to the General Convention, for the use of which it shall have been made.

Which was adopted.

The hour of 10 o'clock having arrived, the House proceeded to fill the two clerical vacancies in the Delegation to the General Convention.

The Rev. Dr. Ducachet nominated—

Rev. S. Bowman, D.D., and Rev. H. J. Morton, D.D.

Mr. L. R. Ashhurst nominated—

Rev. J. H. Fowles, and Rev. George D. Miles.

The Clerical Tellers reported 100 votes, and 51 necessary to a choice.

Rev. Mr. Fowles	received 53	Rev. Mr. Lyman	received 1
" Mr. Miles	" 51	" Mr. Buchanan	" 1
" Dr. Morton	" 46	" Dr. Ducachet	" 1
" Dr. Bowman	" 44		

The Lay Tellers reported 95 votes,—necessary to a choice 48.

Rev. Mr. Fowles	received 63	Rev. Dr. Morton	received 28
" Mr. Miles	" 63	" Dr. Ducachet	" 1
" Dr. Bowman	" 28	" Mr. Lyman	" 1

The Chair declared that the Rev. J. H. Fowles and the Rev. G. D. Miles were elected the remaining Clerical Delegates to the General Convention.

The Chair having declared that the next order of business was the filling of the clerical vacancies in the Standing Committee, the Rev. Dr. Howe withdrew as a candidate.

The Rev. Mr. Montgomery nominated, to supply the vacancies—

Rev. H. J. Morton, D.D., and Rev. J. C. Clay, D.D.

Mr. Ashhurst nominated—

Rev. Wm. Suddards, and Rev. R. Newton, D.D.

The Clerical Tellers reported as follows:—98 votes were cast, of which 50 were necessary to a choice.

Rev. Dr. Morton	received 48	Rev. Dr. Clay	received 46
" Dr. Newton	" 49	" Mr. Goddard	" 1
" Mr. Suddards	" 49	" Mr. Leaf	" 1

The Lay Tellers reported as follows:—95 votes were cast—necessary to a choice, 48.

Rev. Dr. Newton	received 61	Rev. Mr. Rudderow	received 1
" Mr. Suddards	" 65	" Mr. Leaf	" 1
" Dr. Clay	" 30	" Dr. Coleman	" 1
" Dr. Morton	" 31		

The Chair announced that no election had been made:

The Rev. Mr. Suddards withdrew his name, and nominated the Rev. Dr. Morton.

The Rev. Mr. Montgomery and Mr. F. Wharton nominated the Rev. Dr. Newton and the Rev. Dr. Morton.

The Rev. Dr. Hare nominated the Rev. Dr. Morton and the Rev. Dr. Clay.

Mr. Ashhurst nominated the Rev. Mr. Suddards and the Rev. Dr. Newton.

The clerical tellers reported as follows:—95 votes cast—48 necessary to a choice.

Rev. Dr. Newton	received 52	Rev. Dr. Clay	received 42
" Mr. Suddards	" 39	" " Bowman	" 1
" Dr. Morton	" 55		

The lay tellers reported 86 votes cast—44 necessary to a choice.

Rev. Dr. Newton	received 55	Rev. Dr. Morton,	received 39
" Mr. Suddards	" 49	" Dr. Bowman	" 1
" Dr. Clay,	" 28		

The Chair declared that the Rev. Dr. Newton was duly elected, and that there was one vacancy to be filled.

The Rev. Dr. Stevens nominated the Rev. Dr. Morton.

The Rev. Mr. Goddard nominated the Rev. Mr. Suddards.

The Chair stated that the Rev. Mr. Suddards requested him to withdraw his name from nomination.

The clerical Tellers appointed to count the vote for the remaining member of the Standing Committee, reported 84 votes cast—43 necessary to a choice.

Rev. Dr. Morton received	75	Rev. Dr. Clay received	1
" Mr. Suddards "	7	Blank	1

The Lay Tellers reported as follows:—73 votes cast—necessary to a choice, 37—

Rev. Dr. Morton, 63	Rev. Mr. Suddards, 9	Rev. Dr. Clay, 1
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The Chair then declared that the Rev. Dr. Morton had been elected the remaining member of the Standing Committee.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Coleman, it was

Resolved, That a committee of six, consisting of three clergymen and three laymen, be appointed to consider and report to the next Convention, the expediency of amending the second clause of the Constitution of the Church in this Diocese, by inserting the word "third" between "every" and "year" in the third line thereof.

The Chair appointed as the Committee, Rev. Dr. Coleman, Rev. Mr. Brown, Rev. Mr. Washburn, Mr. James S. Smith, Dr. King, and Mr. Robins.

The Rev. B. Franklin offered the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the following be adopted as the 13th rule of order, and the present 13th hereafter be numbered 14.

In all ballotings every paper thrown in, whether a blank or an erroneous vote shall be counted; and should a greater number of votes than voters be found by the tellers, they shall announce the fact to the chair, who shall immediately order a new ballot to be taken.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Ducachet the above resolution was laid on the table.

The Chair declared that the next business in order was to take action on the resolution appended to the report of the Committee on the claims of clergymen to seats, viz:—

The Committee on the Claims of Clergymen to seats in this Convention, have had under consideration the claims of the Rev. W. E. Webb. The facts are briefly these: Mr. Webb was called to three parishes in this Diocese about the 1st of April, 1852, and entered upon his duties the first Sunday in May. About the middle of April he wrote to Bishop Meade, of Virginia, for his letters dismissory, but on account of the Bishop's absence from home he did not receive them until June. The Committee are unanimously of opinion, that as Mr. Webb was actually and personally a resident of the Diocese, and had taken all reasonable care to obtain his transfer, he should not be deprived of his seat, and therefore to test the sense of the Convention, they offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Rev. W. E. Webb be now allowed to take his seat in this Convention.

GEORGE D. MILES,
PETER RUSSELL,
SAMUEL A. CLARK.

The Rev. Mr. Franklin moved to lay the resolution appended to the above report on the table, which motion was lost. The original resolution was then lost.

The following Report was then presented and read:

The Committee appointed to devise, if possible, some means for the more adequate support of a portion of the parochial Clergy, beg leave to report that, although they concur in the great importance of the subject referred to them, they have been unable to agree upon any plan to be submitted to the Convention, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

Signed,

J. GORDON MAXWELL,
W. H. ODENHEIMER,
ARTHUR G. COFFIN,
LEWIS R. ASHHURST.

The Committee were accordingly discharged.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Newton, it was

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested, if agreeable to him, to prepare, in a form separate from the journal, that portion of the address delivered before this Convention which follows the statistics of the Diocese, and that the same be sent to every parochial clergyman in the Diocese, with the request that he read the same to his congregation.

The Committee in relation to the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary made the accompanying report:

The Committee to whom was referred the question relating to the number of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary to which this Diocese is entitled, and to nominate persons to act in that capacity, respectfully report,

That the Diocese is entitled to nominate thirty-four Trustees : One from the Diocese. Nineteen on account of the number of clergymen belonging to the Diocese. Five in consequence of the payment into the Treasury of the General Theological Seminary, by this Diocese, of \$10,360 80 (Journal of General Convention, 1850, Appendix B. page 213).

Your Committee also state that the Kohne legacy, of upwards of ninety thousand dollars, entitles this Diocese to designate nine others to act as Trustees.

Your Committee beg leave to nominate, as the nominees of this Diocese to fill the office of Trustees in the General Theological Seminary, the following persons :

Rev. Levi Bull, D.D.	Mr. L. R. Ashhurst,
" E. Y. Buchanan,	" Thomas Allibone,
" J. B. Cleason,	" Horace Binney, jr.
" C. D. Cooper,	" Alexander Brown,
" Benjamin Dorr, D.D.	" Herman Cope,
" H. W. Ducachet, D.D.	" B. W. Frazier,
" K. Goddard,	" A. L. Hays,
" M. A. De'W. Howe, D.D.	Hon. Hopewell Hepburn,
" N. S. Harris,	Mr. Robert Ralston,
" H. J. Morton, D.D.	" Thomas Robins,
" G. W. Natt,	" J. S. Smith,
" Wm. H. Odenheimer,	" Benjamin Stiles,
" F. Ogilby,	" G. M. Wharton,
" W. H. Paddock,	" Wm. Welsh,
" John Rodney,	" Tobias Wagner.
" Wm. Soddards,	
" Wm. Bacon Stevens, D.D.	
" Henry Tullidge,	
" R. S. Trapier.	

S. A. CLARK,
H. W. DUCACHET,
JAMES S. SMITH,
GEORGE M. STROUD,
JOHN BOHLEN,

Committee.

The above report being before the Convention, Mr. G. M. Wharton moved to strike out the name of Mr. Hopewell Hepburn, and to insert that of the Rev. T. B. Lyman. On motion of Judge Stroud, the question was first taken on the motion to strike out, which motion was lost.

The report was then adopted, and the above named gentlemen were declared duly nominated to the General Con-

vention, as Trustees, from this Diocese, of the General Theological Seminary for three years.

The Bishop read to the House an invitation from the Rev. Dr. Ducachet to the Convention, to visit the monumental statuary in St. Stephen's Church, at such time as they may be pleased to designate.

The Rev. Mr. Spackman presented the following Report :—

The Committee appointed to inquire whether the words of the 4th Article of the Constitution (line 5), "some parish within this State," ought to continue to be considered as applicable to such parishes only as are already in union with the Convention and as disfranchising, with respect to Synodal privileges, any ministers engaged with Swedes' Churches or regularly employed otherwise in the pastoral work, beg leave respectfully to report :

A word in the first instance in regard to the history of this matter.

There having been in and before the year 1785, several clergymen and several congregations within the bounds of Pennsylvania, which were accustomed to the worship and professed the principles of the Church of England, but were without any organization enabling them to act in a joint capacity, primary meetings were held with view to constituting a union; and at the last of these primary meetings a Committee was appointed to draw up an act of association, under instructions as to three points, the second of which (very important to our purpose,) ran in the words, "That a Clergyman cannot vote as the representative of his particular church, but that a Lay Deputy or Deputies be sent to represent each congregation." An instrument, the same which has since been so well known under the name of "The Act of Association," was accordingly prepared by the Committee, and ratified by the Clergy, acting for themselves, on the one hand, and on the other, by the congregations acting through their Deputies. As the whole of the previous action had been inconsistent with the idea that the Clergy were delegated by their people, represented anything but their office or derived their right to seats in the body from aught less ultimate than their commission to attend the flock of Christ, so the new instrument expressly provided, "The Convention shall consist of all the clergy and of Lay Deputies;" "Each congregation may send to the Convention a Deputy or Deputies;" "No congregation may send a Clergyman as their Deputy;"—language sufficient to show that there is no ground in this instrument for the opinion that the foreignness to our ecclesiastical system of a parish, ought to incur a disability for its minister.

Consistency may oblige us to refuse to allow deputies to appear in Convention for such a parish: consistency does not oblige us to refuse to allow the Clergyman to appear for himself or his office.

Although in the year following it was held that a clergyman not having a con-

gregation, disfranchised himself with respect to his Synodal rights (Journal 1786), the Convention, four years afterwards (Journal 1790), interpreted anew their act of association, reversed the decision of the Convention of 1786, and "resolved that every regularly ordained clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church, who is engaged as a professor, tutor or instructor of youth in any general seminary of learning in this State, duly incorporated, also every clergyman of the said church, resident in this State, and entitled to the privileges of a citizen, shall be entitled to a seat in the convention of this church, although without a parochial charge." The construction thus put upon the Act of Association was re-affirmed in the constitution adopted in 1814 (Journal p. 24) and appears to have obtained without exception for thirty-nine years.

But in the year 1829 the fourth article of the constitution was altered.

As the General Convention has deemed it expedient that the number of presbyters not occupied in one or other of these departments of the cure of souls—that of the Rector, that of the Missionary or that of the Teacher—should not be multiplied, so the Diocesan Convention of 1829 amended their constitution in such way as to make it run, in the clause concerned, "every clergyman of the church, of whatever order, being a settled minister of some parish within this State, or being a president, professor, tutor or instructor in some college, academy, or seminary of learning incorporated by law; or being a missionary under the direction of the ecclesiastical authority of this Diocese, or a chaplain in the army or navy of the United States, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, &c."

There was nothing in this action to necessitate the construction of the clause which has since obtained—the construction according to which the phrase "some parish within this State" is taken to mean simply and solely "some parish in union with this Convention." Parish is a word used by all Christians who follow the ancient model, whether English, Swedish or belonging to other nations.—And it plainly is one thing to be within the State of Pennsylvania, and quite another to be a party to the Act of Association of the Protestant Episcopal church in the State of Pennsylvania.

Nevertheless, though not necessitated by the words of the constitution, the construction which disfranchises with respect to their Synodal privileges, all pastors, (however fully they may be themselves of the Protestant Episcopal system), unless their cures also have been already won over to the organization to which they seek to woo them, seems undeniably to be implied in a canon passed the same year—then canon VIII, now canon VI.—a canon in which the less definite language "some parish within this State," was exchanged for the expression "some parish in this Diocese." And your Committee are of opinion that so long as this canon continues to stand, the existing construction ought to continue to obtain.

Having reported this conclusion, the Committee have performed the whole of the duty assigned them. But they beg leave to add a few words.

Grievous are the anomalies which have resulted from the construction which the Canon puts upon the Constitution. A respectable clergyman employed throughout a twelvemonth, in the labors of his ministry, has been debarred from

sitting with his brethren, because from some delay or informality, the congregation which his agency had gathered could not at once become a party to the union. The youthful deacon, who had been a rector, or a missionary, a chaplain or a teacher, for but a single year, has been allowed to raise his voice in counsel, and to give his vote in the determination of important questions, the venerable presbyter, who presides over a Swedes' church, being obliged meanwhile, to play the part of a looker-on. The professor of a college, whose trustees, instructors and pupils, acknowledged no special relation to our Church system, and were not likely to do so, has been invited to take his seat in an Ecclesiastical body, while a pastor, who has been gradually, but surely bringing over his people to our union, has from the moment of undertaking that worthy work, been disfranchised of constitutional privileges which he had formerly enjoyed.

Since it thus appears that the existing construction of the Constitution, in the particular with which your Committee have to do, involves grievous hardships ; your Committee respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

Resolved, That in the third period of Canon VI. of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, the word "Diocese" be stricken out, and the word "State" be substituted in its place, so that the sentence shall run—"And the Bishop shall moreover be satisfied that such clergyman has been called to settle in some parish in this State, and that &c."

Resolved, That the words of the Constitution of the Diocese of Pennsylvania (Art. 4, line 5), "some parish within this State," ought not to continue to be considered as applying to such parishes only, as are already in union with this Convention, or as disfranchising, with respect to Synodal privileges, any ministers regularly employed in the pastoral work with the sanction of the Ecclesiastical authority.

G. EMLÉN HARE,
J. GORDON MAXWELL,
H. S. SPACKMAN,
JOHN C. CRESSON.

The above report being before the Convention, the Rev. B. J. Douglass moved to postpone action upon the resolution appended to it until the next Convention, which motion was carried.

The Rev. Dr. Coleman moved that in the opinion of this Convention the Rev. Edwin N. Lightner is entitled to a seat in this Convention, which was lost.

Hon. G. M. Stroud introduced the following amendments to the Constitution :

Proposed amendments of the 4th article of the Constitution of the Church of this Diocese.

1. Strike out the word *twelve* where it first occurs, and insert in its place the word *six*.

2. Repeal the whole of the first proviso.

Rev. Dr. Ducachet moved to strike out the word "six" in the above amendment and insert "nine," which motion was lost.

Mr. Jas. S. Smith moved to refer the amendment to a committee to report at the next Convention, which motion was lost.

Mr. G. M. Wharton called for a division of the question, which was ordered by the Chair.

It was then moved to strike out "twelve," which was carried on division by ayes 110, noes 46.

The entire amendment as proposed was then adopted.

The following report was then read:

The Committee on unfinished business would respectfully report, that they find the following items on the Journal, which have not yet been acted upon:—

Page 37.—Resolution of Rev. Mr. Stone, to define the duties and rights of Vestries.

A. McLEOD,
THOS. CRUMPTON,
J. GORDON MAXWELL.

On motion adjourned.

WM. BACON STEVENS, *Secretary*.

Thursday, May 19, 5 P. M.

The Convention re-assembled. The roll-call was, on motion, dispensed with.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The Rev. Mr. Stone, Chairman of the Committee appointed at the last Convention to compile a manual of the laws and canons which define the duties, rights and regu-

lations of vestries in this Diocese, reported progress and asked leave to enlarge the instructions under which they were appointed, so as to include the "drawing up" as well as the "compiling" a manual for the purpose in question, which request was, on motion, granted.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Montgomery, it was

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Bishop to report to the next Convention as to the most expedient mode of raising the salaries of the clergymen in the more destitute parishes of this Diocese.

The Committee appointed by the Chair, were Rev. Mr. Montgomery, Rev. Mr. Douglass, and Mr. Wm. Welsh.

The Rev. Mr. Ogilby, from the committee appointed at the preceding meeting of the Convention to present certain resolutions to the Archbishop of Canterbury, reported as follows :—

The undersigned were appointed by the Bishop a Committee to present the Resolutions of this Convention, recorded on page 55 of the last Journal, to His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury.

In the absence of the Rev. Mr. Suddards, and with his consent, the Rev. F. Ogilby and the Secretary of the Convention, Mr. G. M. Wharton, presented the preamble and resolutions, with a brief address, to the Archbishop at the Palace of Lambeth. His Grace commissioned us to express to the Convention the high gratification with which he received this communication from the Diocese of Pennsylvania, in behalf of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, and to convey to our Bishop and to the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese his best wishes for their welfare and for the prosperity of the church in the Diocese of Pennsylvania. He also begged us to assure the Convention that he rejoiced in every movement which tended to strengthen and draw closer the bonds of union between the churches in America and of England.

WILLIAM SUDDARDS, }
FREDERICK OGILBY, } Committee.
G. M. WHARTON, }

On motion of Rev. Mr. Buchanan, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Rev. Mr. Tullidge for his very appropriate and excellent sermon delivered yesterday morning.

On motion of Mr. T. Robins, it was

Resolved, That the travelling expenses of the Bishop, and other expenses incident to his Episcopal visitation for the ensuing year, be paid out of the Convention fund.

On motion of Mr. T. Robins, it was

Resolved, That the sum of \$300, be and the same is hereby appropriated towards paying the travelling expenses of Clergymen, delegates to the Convention whose parishes have contributed to the fund the current year, and the Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay the same *pro rata* according to their actual expenses.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Ducachet, it was

Resolved, That 750 copies of the Journal of this Convention be printed.

The Secretary called the attention of the Convention to the IVth Canon, with regard to the Convention fund, whereupon the roll of the clergy having charge of parishes, was called, in obedience to the said Canon, upon which the following clergymen replied that they had made the collections required :—

Rev. Henry H. Bean.

" Frederick W. Beasley.
 " Archibald Beatty.
 " Henry J. Black.
 " James Bonnar, B.D.
 " Samuel Bowman, D.D.
 " Henry Brown.
 " Edward Y. Buchanan.
 " DeWitt Clinton Byllesby.
 " Samuel A. Clark.
 " John C. Clay, D.D.
 " Samuel Clements.
 " J. B. Clemson.
 " John Coleman, D.D.
 " Charles D. Cooper.
 " Thomas Crumpton.
 " Thomas J. Davis.
 " Benjamin Dorr, D.D.
 " Benjamin J. Douglass.
 " G. C. Drake.
 " Richard B. Duane.
 " Henry W. Ducachet, D.D.
 " George A. Durborow.
 " Samuel Durborow.
 " Joseph J. Elsegood.
 " George C. Field.
 " James H. Fowles.

Rev. B. Franklin.

" John G. Furey.
 " Kingston Goddard.
 " G. Emlen Hare, D.D.
 " Samuel Hazlehurst.
 " William J. Hilton.
 " Marmaduke Hirst.
 " M. A. DeW. Howe, D.D.
 " Norris M. Jones.
 " Brian B. Killikelly, D.D.
 " Freeman Lane.
 " Edmund Leaf.
 " Milton C. Lightner.
 " John Long.
 " Samuel T. Lord.
 " Dwight E. Lyman.
 " T. Benedict Lyman.
 " A. Augustus Marple.
 " John Gordon Maxwell.
 " Edward Mendenhall.
 " Alexander McLeod.
 " Edward Meyer.
 " G. D. Miles.
 " Daniel S. Miller.
 " George Mintzer.
 " Henry E. Montgomery.
 " Jacob B. Mors.

Rev. Henry J. Morton, D.D.

- " G. W. Natt.
- " Richard Newton, D.D.
- " William H. Odenheimer.
- " William H. Paddock.
- " R. O. Page.
- " William S. Perkins.
- " A. Prior.
- " John Rodney.
- " Joel Rudderow.
- " T. S. Rumney.
- " Peter Russell.
- " George Sheets.
- " Gardner M. Skinner.
- " J. Brinton Smith.
- " Richard Smith.

Rev. Nathan Stem.

- " Wm. Bacon Stevens, D.D.
- " William Suddards.
- " Joseph P. Taylor.
- " C. West Thomson.
- " Henry Tullidge.
- " Richard S. Trapier.
- " Alexander Varian.
- " George H. Walsh.
- " Daniel Washburn.
- " H. Hastings Weld.
- " William White.
- " J. P. B. Wilmer.
- " T. W. Winchester.
- " Thomas C. Yarnall.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Ducachet, it was

Resolved, That the next annual Convention be held in St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia, on the 3d Tuesday of May, 1854, at 5 o'clock, P. M.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Ducachet, the thanks of the Convention were presented to the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of St. Andrew's church, for the use of the same during the session of this Convention.

On motion of the Rev. H. E. Montgomery, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention be presented to the Directors of the Academy of Fine Arts in this city, and to the Rev. Dr. Ducachet, Rector of St. Stephen's church, for their courteous invitations to the Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Clark moved the following resolution :—

Resolved, That in all Missionary efforts in this Diocese it is the opinion of this Convention that every Parish so aided shall pay to its clergymen an amount equal to that given to such parish through these efforts.

On motion of the Hon. Wm. M. Meredith, it was resolved that this resolution be laid on the table.

The Rev. Mr. Washburn offered the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the Trustees from this Diocese, of the General Theological Seminary, be instructed to report their proceedings.

The Rev. Mr. Montgomery moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was lost.

The original motion was then lost.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Ducachet, it was resolved that after reading the rough minutes, and the usual devotional exercises, the Convention adjourn *sine die*.

The rough minutes were then read and approved, when, after singing the last four verses of the 99th Psalm of the collection, and prayer by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

WM. BACON STEVENS, *Secretary*.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Report of the Rev. Thomas G. Allen, Philadelphia.

During the last Conventional year, the Lord in his wise Providence has deemed it necessary to visit me with peculiar affliction of body. I was absent from my ordinary field of labor for months, during which time I was the subject of two attacks of disease, and apparently on the second occasion near death. Our Heavenly Father has kindly so far restored my bodily health as to enable me again to engage in considerable labor.

Up to this date, in preaching, lecturing, &c., I have officiated on 150 occasions. I have officiated or assisted in the services of the Church, when I have not lectured or preached, on 9 occasions. I have administered or assisted in the administration of the Lord's Supper on 17 occasions, baptized 32 persons, married 15 couples, and officiated on 27 funeral occasions. During the year up to March 12th, my pastoral visits have been 401—of that number 396 to the sick and afflicted; also, I have conversed and prayed with persons in my own house on 100 occasions. I have distributed a few Bibles, New Testaments and Prayer Books, and 27,386 pages of Tracts, in which is included 19,844 pages of the Tract "Morning and Evening Prayers for Children, Youth," &c. I have also been instrumental in circulating 4,065 practical and experimental publications and parts of religious periodicals at a low price, or gratuitously.

My monthly appointment at the Widow's Asylum, also my weekly appointments in the Magdalen Asylum and at my own house, are continued. In the course of the year, I have been enabled on many occasions to administer from my poor's purse. Thus, notwithstanding affliction and being now obliged to prepare this report by an amanuensis, it will be seen that the Lord has enabled me to engage in many attempts to do good. To Him be all the praise, through Jesus Christ. — Amen.

Report of the Rev. Lewis P. W. Balch, D.D., Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester.

I entered upon duty as Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, in this place, five weeks since, April 10th.

The list of communicants handed to me by the Rev. J. B. Clemson, the former Rector, numbers 71. One new communicant has been added since. The services are as usual on Sundays, and once during the week. The Sunday School is improving.

I found the Rectory encumbered with a debt of three thousand one hundred and eighty dollars. A meeting was held Saturday, May 14th, and the whole amount requisite to pay the debt subscribed and pledged, and before the Convention assembles all debt will have been liquidated.

Report of the Rev. Henry H. Bean, Rector of the Parish of St. Stephen's Church, Harrisburg.

Baptisms 8; communicants, added 3, removed 1, present number about 60; marriages 6; burials 7; public services, about 150; children catechized 8 times; Sunday Schools 1, teachers 9, pupils 70; collections, Episcopal fund \$10 59, Convention fund \$10; Missionary and other purposes, about \$200. There is no property other than the church building and lot owned by the parish. The church is free from debt. The salary of the clergyman is \$800—paid punctually.

The Rector has found in this parish, in many respects, a pleasant field of labor. There have been causes for grief and discouragement, but at the same time much to furnish ground for hope. The church has been improved by the introduction of gas; the Sunday Schools have increased and become more flourishing. The general attendance upon the services of the church is better, and it is believed that there is improvement in the tone and feeling of the members of the congregation. Much however yet remains to be done, but the prayer of faith is offered that the Lord will visit us in mercy and bless us.

Report of the Rev. Frederick W. Beasley, Rector of All Saints' Church, Lower Dublin, Philadelphia County, and Christ Chapel, Oak Grove.

Baptisms, adults 3, infants 18, total 21; communicants, added 10, died 2, removed 6, present number 54; confirmation, at All Saints' Church 6, 1 sick person in private, total 7; Sunday Schools 2.

Bible Classes 2, one taught by a lady at All Saints' Church during the summer, and afterwards by the Rector for five or six months; one for a shorter time, at a house on the Bristol Turnpike, taught also by the Rector.

Public Services, on Sunday mornings at All Saints' Church, in the afternoons at the Chapel. I have preached several times on other occasions.

Collections, Domestic Missions \$40 03, Foreign Missions \$10 39, Convention fund \$8 20½, Episcopal fund \$10, Sunday school and Library \$8 89, Bishop Kemper, for Diocesan purposes, \$20, Advancement Society \$10 60, Christmas fund \$10, Church Hospital \$5, Bishop White Prayer Book Society \$5, collection for building a Sunday School room at the Chapel \$102, Bible Society \$5, collections at Chapel to defray current expenses \$51 64, at the offertory at Chapel \$2 36, collections to pay a debt due on the Chapel, for which certain individuals had been responsible, \$329 50, total \$618 61½.

My salary is \$700, and it is promptly paid.

The Vestry have appointed a Committee to procure a plan and estimates, with the view of improving our venerable Church. Among other important alterations, we propose to build a Chancel. The old building needs thorough repairs. This important effort cannot but have a happy influence on an increasing congregation.

Report of the Rev. Archibald Beatty, Rector of Calvary Church, Tamaqua, and Zion Church, Tuscarora, in the County of Schuylkill, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

CALVARY CHURCH, TAMAQUA.

Congregation, families 27, adults 120, children 95, total 215; baptisms, adults 2, children 13, total 15; confirmed 5; communicants, added 10, removed 6, present number 25; marriages 1; burials 2; public services, on Sundays 50, on other days 12, total 62; Children catechised monthly; Sunday Schools 1, teachers 14, pupils 95; collections, for the Convention fund \$5 56, for Missionary and other purposes \$74 24, contributed by the Sunday School, for various objects, \$32 62, collected in the Parish for liquidating the church debt \$661 13, collected out of the Parish for the same object \$170, total \$943 55.

The Parish owns no other property than the church building and lot. The church is now free from debt, and, therefore, ready for Consecration.

Salary received during the past year \$100.

ZION CHURCH, TUSCARORA.

Congregation, families 16, adults 50, children 45, total 95; baptisms, infants 8; communicants, removed 1, present number 5; marriages 1; burials 10; public services 48; Sunday Schools 1, teachers 4, pupils 45; collections, for Convention fund \$5, for Missionary and other purposes, \$19 25.

The Parish owns no other property than the church building and lot, and they are free from debt.

Salary received during the year \$35 50.

During the summer this congregation is much larger than in the winter. Tuscarora has become a favorite resort for those who like retirement and pure mountain air, and most of those who spend the summer here are connected with the Episcopal Church and attend our services.

The Parish is still indebted for its support to the generosity of the faithful servant of Christ who originally erected the church at his own expense. May our gracious God long spare his life to be its nursing father.

Report of the Rev. J. H. Black, Rector of the Parish of Christ Church, in the County of Lycoming, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

Congregation, families about 19, adults 56, children 37, total 93 persons; baptisms, adults 2, children 5, total 7; confirmed 11; communicants, added 17, present number 29; marriages 1; burials 3.

Public services regularly on Sundays and the principal Festivals of the Church, except for several weeks when the Rector was disabled by a serious accident.

Children catechized in the Sunday School. There have been in the Sunday School about 35 scholars, and about 7 teachers.

The property of the Parish remains the same as when last reported. The collections during the year have been devoted chiefly to parochial purposes on account of the low state and necessities of the Parish.—This Report extends to a portion of the former year, which was not reported at the last Convention.

Report of the Rev. James Bonnar, B.D., Philadelphia.

The undersigned reports to the Right Reverend the Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, that, since the date of his last Report, he has been constantly in the discharge of his duties as one of the Masters in the "Academy of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the City of Philadelphia.

Report of the Rev. Samuel Bowman, D.D., Rector of the Parish of St. James' Church, in Lancaster, in the County of Lancaster, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

Baptisms, adults 4, infants 33, total 37; Confirmed 11; communicants, added 15, died or removed 13, present number 155; Marriages .

6; burials 22; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 37, total 141; Sunday School teachers 12, pupils 125; Bible Classes, 2.

Collections, Episcopal fund \$23 69, Convention fund \$24 05, Society for the Advancement of Christianity \$27, Christmas fund \$30 50.

Monthly offerings, distributed between the Society for the Advancement of Christianity, and the Domestic and Foreign branches of our Missions, \$109 49. Total of collections and offerings, \$209 73.

The financial condition of the Parish remains much the same as it was at the last report. There is a small amount of debt, which will probably be paid in the course of the year. The Rector's salary, and all other claims upon the Treasurer, are promptly met.

The Parish Schools continue in unabated prosperity. There are now in them 125 pupils under 6 teachers. The course of instruction embraces all that is usually taught, from the simplest elements of learning up to the classics, and modern languages, and drawing.

The Charitable Institutions of the Parish, i. e., the Orphan Asylum and an humble Home for a few aged and infirm people, continue to do their work of mercy in a real though very quiet way.

Late last autumn the project of a second church in this city was entered upon. A lot was contracted for, a subscription opened, and arrangements made for beginning the work at the opening of the season. On the afternoon of April 17th, the corner-stone of the church—to be called St. John's—was laid by the Bishop of the Diocese. The work will be prosecuted without delay, and the basement be ready for use, it is hoped, by the ensuing winter. The building will contain nearly 500 sittings, and is intended to be and to remain *Free* forever. A Sunday School has been organized in the neighborhood and numbers now about 60 pupils under a corps of very zealous teachers. The Rector of St. James', who is also temporarily Rector of the new Parish, conducts Divine Service in the vicinity of it every Sunday afternoon. May God's blessing attend the effort, and bring to a successful conclusion the work so happily begun.

Report of the Rev. Henry Brown, Rector of St. David's, commonly called Radnor Church, in the County of Delaware, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

Congregation, families 52, adults 160, children 80, total 240; baptisms, adults 1, infants 13, total 14; communicants 44; confirmed 7; marriages 7; burials 9; public services, on Sundays 70, other days 4, total 74; children catechized in Sunday School every Sunday; Sunday Schools 1, children 40, teachers 5.

In addition to the salary, about \$200 in presents have been sent to the Rector and his family. The ladies have kindly furnished means for various improvements connected with the Parsonage, to the amount of

nearly \$500. By the last will and testament of the late Col. Isaac Wayne, the church has received a legacy of about \$3000.

This Parish, in its temporal affairs, and, I trust, also in its spiritual interest, is improving.

CHURCH OF THE REDEMER, LOWER MERION.

In connection with Radnor Church, the Rector has charge of the Church of the Redeemer, in Lower Merion, Montgomery County.— This congregation was formed about twenty months since, and during that time we have worshipped in a Temperance Hall on the Lancaster turnpike about eight miles from Philadelphia. I have now the pleasure of reporting the new church commenced last year as very nearly completed; we expect to open it for Divine Service in the course of a few weeks, at which time also I trust it will be paid for and Consecrated.

Families 20. Services every Sunday afternoon. Funerals 1.

This congregation has also contributed to the Rector's support. After the pews are rented, the Vestry will be able to offer a stated salary. In another year we shall hope to present a more full and accurate account of parish statistics.

The salary is \$450, about \$40 are unpaid.

Report of the Rev. William F. Bryant, Missionary, Philadelphia.

Your Missionary continued his labors at Locke's Mills until the 7th day of February last. Owing to his not having the records of that Mission, he is unable to make, concerning it, a particular report.

Since his transfer to the Mission in Philadelphia, early in the month of February, he has been employed in the duties belonging to that station. He has generally, on Sundays, officiated in the services at the Church of the Atonement, occasionally preaching there and elsewhere. He has opened a Sunday evening service in a private house in a destitute neighborhood, at which he himself is generally present.

Out of the city, he has once supplied the vacant churches in each of the following named places, viz.: Concord and Rockdale, Doylstown and Centreville.

He has baptized six children, and attended five funerals.

He has within the last three months conducted service fifty-two times, and preached and lectured on twenty-five occasions.

Report of the Rev. E. Y. Buchanan, Rector of All Saints' Church, Paradise, and Christ Church, Leacock, in the County of Lancaster, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, PARADISE.

Congregation, families and parts of families 48, adults and children 225; baptisms, adults 1, infants 10, total 11; confirmed 1; Communicants, added 8, died or removed 4, present number 50; marriages 4; burials 5; public services, on Sundays 41, other days 11, total 52; Children catechized, the pupils in the Sunday School, times many; Sunday Schools 1, teachers 12, pupils about 100; collections, Episcopal fund \$6, Convention fund \$5, Colonization Society \$10, Christmas fund \$5, repairs of church \$280, church in Freeport, Illinois, \$3, other purposes \$17 52, total, \$326 52.

Statistics of Parish.—Property other than the church building and lot owned by the Parish, none. Amount of indebtedness of the church of the Parish, \$500. Arrears of salary, none.

In addition to the services reported above, I have officiated twice in Strasburg, and once in each of the three villages of Safe Harbor, Christiana, and Hinkletown; in Safe Harbor performing two of the baptisms reported above.

During the year the church has been placed in a state of thorough repair, and has been handsomely painted within and without. Its being closed for several weeks for these purposes, with the Rector's indisposition for a time during the winter, will account for the diminished number of the public services.

CHRIST CHURCH, LEACOCK.

Families and parts of families 41, individuals about 160; baptisms, adults 1, children 8, total 9; communicants, added 5, present number 38; marriages 2; burials 3; public services, on Sundays 25, other days 4, total 29; children catechised, those of the Sunday School, times once or twice a month during half of the year; Sunday Schools 1, pupils about 25; collections, Episcopal fund \$4, Convention fund \$5, Missions \$4, repairs of church \$60 42, other purposes \$16 85, total \$90 27.

This church is not in debt to the Rector or any one else. Its property consists in the church building, and the lot on which it stands. For almost the first time within several years, it has, this spring, gained instead of losing by removals. The Church was handsomely painted last summer, inside and out. The prospects of the Parish are decidedly more encouraging than usual.

Report of the Rev. Levi Bull, D.D.

From the beginning of March ult., I have been officiating at St. Mary's Church, Chester County. They are still destitute of a Pastor, and are desirous of procuring one. I baptized one adult, and have attended several funerals.

Report of the Rev. DeWitt C. Byllesby, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Lewistown, Mifflin County.

Communicants, added 5, died or removed 8, stricken from the list 2, present number 28; baptisms, infants 16, adults 3, total 19; Confirmed 4; marriages 5; burials 14; public services, on Sundays 94, other days 37, total 131; Sunday Schools 1, teachers 11, pupils 70—catechized monthly; Bible classes 1, pupils 11; collections, Domestic Missions \$17 62, Foreign Missions \$15 81, Christmas fund \$6 34, Convention fund 3, Episcopal fund \$2 35, other purposes \$60, Sunday School, for Texas, \$2, Episcopal Society for the West \$11, total \$118 12. Salary, \$400 and parsonage; arrears none.

The state of this Parish is much the same as last year. Though we have suffered severely from removals, there is yet reason to be encouraged. Our church is slowly gaining ground, and perhaps the day is not far distant, when it will be placed on a respectable footing among the surrounding denominations. During the past year the debt upon the parsonage has been considerably reduced, and some improvements made. A new roof is shortly to be put upon the church.

I have also officiated at Altoona several times, and repeatedly at Huntingdon, and now am supplying Trinity Chapel, Locke's Mills, once in two weeks.

Report of E. Carpenter, Warden of the Church of the Mediator, Philadelphia.

I am instructed by the Vestry of the Church of the Mediator to make known to you, that the Rev. G. Lewis Platt, late of St. George's church, South Brooklyn, New York, has been called to the Rectorship of the first mentioned Parish, and having accepted the same, entered upon the discharge of his duties in that connection yesterday the fifteenth instant.

Report of the Rev. John A. Childs, Assistant Minister of Emmanuel Church, Kensington.

Baptisms, infants 24; marriages 6; funerals 21; public services 138 times, elsewhere 18.

During the greater part of the past year, and until my health failed,

I acted as missionary in the District of Kensington. I held services, usually termed Cottage Lectures, in private houses, which were well attended. I also visited many families, and was happy to see very good results following religious conversation and prayer. I think my experience has been sufficient to show that a large part of the community living in habitual neglect of the means of grace, would be greatly benefited by missions conducted on such a plan.

Report of the Rev. A. Christman (Deacon), Tamaqua, Schuylkill County.

The above named was ordained to the Holy order of Deacons in Calvary Church, Tamaqua, July 11th, 1852. He has since been engaged in teaching a Select School in that place, and has also officiated at St. Philip's Church, Summit Hill. He has either by himself celebrated, or with others assisted in celebrating Divine service some 88 times, assisted in the administration of the Holy Communion once, married one couple, baptized one, and buried one child.

Report of the Rev. Samuel A. Clark, Rector of the Church of the Advent, Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1, 1853.

Baptisms, adults 12, infants 16, total 28; confirmed 19. Communicants added 34, died or removed 13, present number 200. Marriages 13; burials 13. Children catechised monthly. Sunday Schools, male 1, teachers 15, pupils 114; do. do. female 1, teachers 17, pupils 114; do. do. infant 1, teachers 2, pupils 110; total, schools 3, teachers 34, Pupils 334. Bible class 1. Collections, Episcopal fund \$15, Convention fund \$15, Foreign, Domestic and Diocesan missions \$596 18, other purposes \$2259 13, total \$2885 31. Church debt, mortgage \$5000, ground rent \$5333 33, total \$10,333 33. Salary increased to \$1500, paid punctually.

Report of the Rev. Jehu C. Clay, D.D., Rector of the Parish of Gloria Dei, Southwark, for the year ending May 1, 1853.

Families 150; Baptisms, adults 9, infants 82, total 91; confirmed 18; Communicants, added 26, died or removed 24, present number 157; marriages 75, burials 58. Public services, on Sundays 105, other days 50, total 155. Children catechised monthly, except the three summer months, "openly in the church." Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 8, pupils 100; female 1, teachers 15, pupils 154; total, schools 2, teachers 23, pupils 254. Collections, Episcopal fund \$10, Convention fund \$10, Society Advancement Christianity \$50, missionary and other purposes \$208, total \$258.

Statistics of Parish—Property, other than the church building

and burial ground, a sexton's house, a few vacant lots, and ground rents amounting to about \$1300. Amount of indebtedness about \$1700. Rector's salary \$900 and parsonage; arrears of salary, none.

Report of the Rev. Samuel Clements, Rector of the Parish of Trinity church, in Washington, in the County of Washington, ending May 1st, 1853.

Congregation, families 23; adults 40, children 44, total 84. Baptisms, adults 1, infants 4, total 5. Communicants, added, 4; removed 6; present number 17. Marriages 2. Burials 2. Public services 58. Sunday school 1. Teachers, male 5; female 6: total 11. Scholars, male 24; female 31: total 55. Collections, Convention fund \$2. Foreign Missions \$10. Domestic Missions \$9. Sunday school and other parochial purposes \$44 89; total, \$65 89. The Sunday school collections are included in the above.

We have also, by a subscription, paid \$36 37 of our church debt, \$20 for stoves, and \$53 96 for a fence about the church, total \$110 33. Present amount of indebtedness \$300.

During the past year we have suffered much by the removal of Episcopal families from Washington. Rather more than one-third of of those reported as belonging to our congregation last year have left our town.

Report of the Rev. John B. Clemson.

The following are the results of my ministry up to April 1st, the period when I resigned the Parish at West Chester, and took charge of Marcus Hook:

Communicants, added 11, removed 6, whole number 71; Confirmed 2; Marriages 7; Baptisms, adults 6, infants 14, whole number 20; Charitable contributions \$150. No arrears of salary. The congregation is flourishing, and contains about 70 families.

Since taking charge of Marcus Hook, I am enabled to report the following statistics: Communicants, added 4, deceased 1, whole number 63; confirmed 8; burial 1. The Parish is an interesting one, and its prospects are most encouraging.

Report of the Rev. John Coleman, D.D., Rector of the Parish of Trinity church, Southwark, Philadelphia, for the year ending May 17th, 1853.

Congregation, about as last reported, viz. families, 200; adults, 630; children 370; total 1000; baptisms, adults 3; infants 45; total 48; confirmed 21; communicants, last reported 381; added, 24; died 5; removed 20; present number 380; marriages 41; burials 20; public services, on Sundays, 112; other days 39;

total 151; children catechised monthly, "openly in the church." Sunday schools, male 1; teachers 13; pupils 128; female 2; teachers 27; pupils 244; total, Schools 3; teachers 40; pupils 372; Bible class 1; members 25; collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania \$50; Episcopal fund \$50; Convention fund \$10 75; Christmas fund for disabled clergymen \$38 45; General P. E. Sunday School Union \$30; Bishop White Prayer Book Society \$50; Female Prayer Book Society \$20; Female Tract Society \$21 26; Missionary and other purposes \$923 38; total \$1,193 84.

Report of the Rev. C. D. Cooper, Rector of the Parish of St. Philip's, Spring Garden, Philadelphia County, for the year ending May 1, 1853.

Families 250; baptisms, adults 12, infants 35, total 47; confirmed 24; communicants added 37, died or removed 17, total 320; marriages 24, burials 25; Sunday Schools 3, teachers and pupils 430; Bible classes 3, members 60; collections, Episcopal fund \$100, Convention fund \$50, Missionary and other purposes \$1952 76, Christmas fund \$50, total \$2,252 76; amount of indebtedness of the church \$13,200; amount of salary of Clergyman \$2000, paid punctually.

Report of the Rev. N. E. Cornwall, Rector St. Andrew's Church, Pittsburgh.

The present Rector took charge of this Parish on the second week in April; since that time he has preached on every Lord's day to an attentive congregation, and administered the Lord's Supper on one occasion to some sixty communicants. He has also taken a collection of sixteen dollars and seventy cents for the Convention fund of the Diocese, and received at the same time from an unknown member of the Parish, a free-will offering of ten dollars, to be appropriated to our Domestic and Foreign Missions; an earnest, it may be hoped, of a general interest in the wants of the spiritually destitute. With his recent and partial knowledge of the state of the Parish, he has nothing further to report at this time, except the cordial reception which he has met in his new field of labor, and the hope of success which his encouraging prospects in it permit him to cherish, in humble dependence upon the Lord of the Vineyard.

Report of the Rev. Samuel Cowell.

I resigned the charge of Christ Church, Brownsville, Fayette County, upon the 1st of October, 1852. Up to this date the Parish records presented the following statistics:—Baptisms, adults 3,

infants 4, total 7; communicants, about 58; burials 1, marriages 1; 6 candidates for confirmation have recently received that holy rite. Collections \$134. Since my resignation I have been officiating in Beverly, New Jersey.

Report of the Rev. Thos. Crompton Rector of the Parish of Christ Church, in the City and County of Allegheny, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

Baptisms, adults 4, infants , total ; confirmed 16; communicants, added 21, died or removed 12, present number 78; marriages 4, burials 17. Public services, on Sundays 101, other days 72, total public services 173; children catechised one Sunday afternoon in every month in the Sunday school; Sunday School 1, male teachers 5, female teachers 8, total 13; male pupils 52, female pupils 56, total 108; collections, Episcopal fund \$8 50, Convention fund \$10. The Parish has no other property than the church and lot on which it is built and a burial lot out of the city.

The indebtedness of the parish is a little over \$2000, it being increased by some necessary repairs to the church and finishing and furnishing a basement room for the Sunday school and evening services through the week.

The minister is entitled to receive \$400 per annum. The arrears now due him for former years are \$325.

Our congregation has been increased by many new members during the year; but so many others have moved away that it is not much larger than at my last report. The persons of whom it is mostly made up are artisans in the different manufactories of our neighborhood, and as they are not permanent in their residence, the congregation is frequently changing its members. This uncertainty of residence affects us also pecuniarily. Many persons who regularly worship, and some who are communicants in our church, have never rented pews or sittings, because they do not feel themselves settled in the community. Every fluctuation in business leads them to look about for new homes.

At my last report I was officiating one evening in the week at the United States Marine Hospital; but a new steward having been appointed to that establishment, I have not been encouraged to continue the services.

Report of the Rev. Thomas J. Davis, Rector of the parish of the Church of the Resurrection, county of Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

Baptisms, adults 2; infants 9; total 11; confirmed 5; communicants, added 8; present number 13; marriages 3; burials

2. Schools, a family Boarding-school, limited to 12 pupils, taught by the rector and his son, whereby he obtains his support.

The temporal and spiritual condition of this parish have both been much improved within the last year. The church edifice was finished internally last autumn, but there being a small indebtedness thereon it could not then be consecrated. That indebtedness, however, was met according to contract, and the church was therefore set apart from all unhallowed uses, and consecrated to the service of Almighty God, according to the doctrines, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church, on Thursday of Easter week, March 31, 1853.

Thus much has been attained by efforts well directed and steadily pursued through many perplexities with great labor and perseverance. The difficulties and discouragements have been many, but God has overruled them all for his own glory. And although there yet remains much to be done towards the external finishing of the church, and the enclosure thereof, the rector is nevertheless sanguine in the hope, that ere long the same good Providence that hitherto nurtured and sustained him, will bless the efforts which he and those who sympathize with him are still making. The congregation has been increasing since the Church's consecration, and from the improvement of the temporal condition thereof, the number of its members will also doubtless increase.

Report of the Rev. Wm. N. Diehl, rector of the parish of St. Thomas' Church, Whitmarsh, Montgomery county, to April 1st, 1853.

Baptisms, infants 9; confirmed 9; communicants, added 5, removed 4, present number 51; marriages 2; burials 2; public services, every Sunday morning and the principal holidays; children catechized frequently; Sunday schools as reported last year; collections for Societies, &c., about \$100; salary \$183 33½.

The services in the Parish of St. Luke's church, Germantown, were as follows:

Baptisms, infant 1; public services, on Sundays 33; burials 5; marriages 3; children catechized monthly in the Sunday school room; salary \$183 33½.

Report of the Rev. Benjamin Dorr, D.D., rector of Christ Church, in the City of Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

Congregation, families 220; Baptisms, adults 4, infants 15, total 19; confirmed 15; communicants, added 21, died or removed 10, present number 432; marriages 9; burials 18; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 180, total 284; children catechized 300, on the

last Sunday of each month; Sunday Schools, male 1, teachers 12, pupils 80; female 2, teachers 25, pupils 160; schools 3, teachers 37, pupils 240; collections, Episcopal fund \$150, Convention fund \$45 62, Society for the Advancement of Christianity \$770, Missionary and other purposes \$6658 89, total \$7624 51.

Report of the Rev. Benjamin J. Douglass, Rector of the Parish of Christ Church, in the Borough of Towanda, County of Bradford, for the year ending May 1st, 1863.

Congregation, families and parts of families about 50; baptisms, adults 4, infants 11, total 15; confirmed 5; communicants, added 4, died or removed 8, present number about 40; marriages 1; public services, on Sundays 109, other days 45, total 154; children catechised monthly; Sunday schools, 9 teachers, 70 scholars; collections, Episcopal fund \$5, Convention fund \$5; property other than the church building and lot owned by the Parish, when the Rectory is completed, \$8000; amount of indebtedness of the church of the Parish, none. Amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive, \$400. Arrears of salary, none. Salary punctually and promptly paid.

Collections, Bishop White Prayer Book Society \$8 10; Diocesan missions \$4 22; Christmas fund \$9 03; Domestic missions \$10; Foreign missions \$25 62; Church building (Scranton) \$10; monthly collections \$66 16; amount raised by Mite society \$60; Missionary collection in Sunday school \$30 26; amount raised for Sunday school purposes \$45; contribution for completion of tower, painting, &c. by members during the past year \$550; amount subscribed for Parsonage (exclusive of lot) \$2300; total for missionary and other objects (connected with the improvements of the church edifice) \$808 18. It is to be hoped that so soon as the Rectory is built, that the liberality thus evinced by the members of this Parish to a degree unprecedented in its history, will be devoted more largely than ever to the cause of missions. Hitherto the church has never been in a position to contribute largely to this good work.

Remarks.—It gives the Rector of this Parish much pleasure to state that the improvements referred to in previous reports have now been completed. The edifice, though built of wood, presents as neat and tasteful appearance, both internally and externally, as any in the State.

Vigorous and successful efforts have been made during the past year to secure for the use of the Parish a good and substantial Parsonage. The liberality displayed by the members of the vestry and congregation has been truly commendable. More than two thousand dollars have been pledged for the erection of the building, and it is

expected that it will be completed early in the fall. The Sunday school is evidently on the increase, and never was there so much interest felt in the school as at present. The children are instructed in the catechism, monthly. During the last year I have been enabled to perform some missionary work though not as much as I would wish to do. I have preached at several points not far from this where the attendance is good, and where with proper care the church could easily be planted.

What we need to supply a deficiency most painfully felt is a band of several good itinerants, who will act as aids to the settled Pastors. I am satisfied that the church would be ten times stronger than it is if we had some system of this kind.

Report of Rev. Jacob M. Douglass, Rector of Zion Church, Philadelphia County.

Baptisms, adults 2, children 25, total 27; funerals 7; communicants, died or removed 6, present number 35; families about 40; Sunday school teachers 6, children about 50; public services, on Sundays 100, other days 30; collection for Convention fund \$2.

The Rector reports that his Vestry contemplates, with Divine permission, building a decent and commodious church-edifice this season. A munificent donation of a lot, 80 feet by 100, corner of Eighth street and Columbia Avenue, South Penn District, has been made conditionally to Zion church by Benjamin W. Frazer, Esq. The thanks of our Episcopal community are eminently due to this benevolent churchman. Our resources for building are quite inadequate; but we cast ourselves, in faith, on the Lord of the Church. In compliance with the regulations of the Convention, the Rector reports that he receives no salary.

Report of the Rev. Wm. Douglass, Rector of St. Thomas' African Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, for the last four months ending May, 1853.

Baptisms, children 6; adult 1, total 7; marriages 5; burials 6; public services on Sundays 40; services during passion week 10; other days 16, total 66.

During an absence of fourteen months, dating from Oct. '51 to Jan. '53, my charge was faithfully attended to by Reverends R. D. Hall and P. Van Pelt, to whose kindness I shall ever feel greatly indebted. On resuming my post of duty, I was glad to find the same spirit of peace, unanimity and concord prevailing among the congregation that was manifest at my departure. The services of the church are generally well-attended, and we rejoice in observing among some of our hearers, clear indications of an increased concern on the all-important subject of personal godliness.

Report of the Parish of St. James' Church, in the Borough of Muncy, in the County of Lycoming, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

Congregation, families 62, adults 128, children 67, total 195; baptisms, adults 3, infants 4, total 7; confirmed 5; communicants added 8, died or removed 5, present number 82; marriages 2; burials 15; public services, on Sundays, at Muncy, 53; at Pennsville 24, at Muncy Farms 15, total 92; other days 14; total services 106; children catechized in Sunday schools; Sunday schools 1; teachers, male 3, female 5, total 8; pupils, male 18, female 31, total 44; bible class 1, members 8; collections, Convention Fund for 1852, \$5 18; for 1853, \$4 58; additional \$100; Episcopal Fund \$7 25; colonization \$5 64; Foreign Missions \$14 72; boys, senior class in Sunday school, for Africa, \$1 03; Bible, prayer book and tracts, \$5 26; Adv. Soc. \$14 98, and \$4 08, total \$19 01; church building \$3 37½; Domestic Missions \$7 11; Christmas Fund \$6 88; enlargement of the grave yard \$3 77; special offering \$5; convocation fund \$3 88; total \$93 63½.

The property and indebtedness of the parish are the same as at the last report. The amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive and the arrears are as yet unascertained. It is expected the salary will not vary much from \$250 for the present year. The funds raised for the Parsonage remain at interest. At the Muncy Farm School House, the Sunday school has been sustained; but under some disadvantage arising out of the ill health of its superintendent. In all our Sunday schools we have to lament the lack of male teachers.

Report of the Rev. Richard B. Duane, Rector of the Parish of Dyberry, Grace Church, Honesdale, in the county of Wayne, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

Congregation, families 56, adults 162, children 104, total 266; baptisms, adults 8, infants 9, total 12 confirmed (no visit from the Bishop since last Convention). Communicants, added 14, removed 2, present number 92; marriages 5; burials 5; public services, on Sundays 88, other days 20, total 108; children catechized 94; times monthly; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 4, pupils 27; female 1, teachers 7, pupils 67; total, schools 2, teachers 11, pupils 94; Bible class 1; members 10; collections, Episcopal Fund, \$15; Convention Fund, \$10; Missionary and other purposes, \$426 87, viz: Diocesan missions, \$40; Domestic Missions (through Episcopal Missionary association for the West, \$40; Foreign Missions (of which \$6 75 was from the Sunday school) \$46 75; church building (Easter offerings) \$10; American Tract Society, \$10; Bp. White Prayer Book Society 10; Convocation Fund \$10; Wayne Co. Bible Society, \$30; Theologi-

cal Sem'y of Va. (Alumni Fund) \$25; Evangelical Knowledge Society (from Sunday school, to send a \$10 Library to Mt. Alto S. S., Franklin Co., Pennsylvania) \$10; communion Alms (of which \$10 were appropriated to Christmas Fund for Disabled Clergymen and \$5 to the Female Prayer Book Society) \$61 40; parish purposes \$183 72; total \$451 87.

The "property other than the Church building lot owned by the Parish," is a Parsonage and lot attached. There is no debt upon the Parish. The "amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive," is \$700 per annum, with the use of the Parsonage, being an advance of \$100 per annum over the salary of last year; the same is not in arrears.

The following facts will throw additional light on the state of the parish.

Of the 92 communicants reported, about 20 are rarely, if ever, at the Lord's table. The names of most of these are kept on our list to give them an ecclesiastical home; they are scattered in various parts of the county.

Of the 162 adults reported as connected with the congregation, about 125 may be considered as regular attendants upon the services of the church.

A meeting of the Bible class, or Sunday school teachers, is held every Wednesday evening at the Parsonage. A meeting for social prayer is held every Friday evening at the same place. Our Parish Library contains about 120 volumes, our Sunday school Library about 400 volumes. Our Missionary Society continues to be very useful in distributing the offerings of the congregation; it is conducted by lay-agency.

The increase in the numbers of the congregation since the last report is very gratifying. Steps have been taken for the erection of a new church building of stone, which is urgently called for by the prosperous condition of the Church. A plan has been adopted, and subscriptions to a very liberal amount received in the congregation. With aid from our friends, we expect to erect a commodious and excellent church.

In spiritual blessings God has been very gracious to us, and we believe that our congregation has grown not only in numbers but in grace; has strengthened not only in outward form but in inward spirit. To the gracious God, our covenant Jehovah, be all the praise and glory for whatever mercies we have received.

Report of Rev. Charles M. Dupuy.

During the past twelve months I have on numerous occasions read Divine service, preached about fifty times, frequently assisted in the administration of the Holy Communion, and baptized one infant.

Report of Rev. George A. Durborow, of the Parish of the Redemption, Fairmount, in the County of Philadelphia, for the year ending May, 1853.

Congregation, families over 100; baptisms, adults 15, infants 115, total 130; confirmations 2, number confirmed 35; communicants added 38, total 105; marriages 42; burials 80; public services on Sundays 132, other days 48, total 180; children of the school catechized monthly; Sunday school, male and female 1, teachers 29, scholars 324; bible classes 2, pupils 29. Collections, Episcopal fund \$5 30; Society Advancement of Christianity \$1; Missionary and other purposes \$13 40; Cape Palmas Orphan Asylum \$6; amount of indebtedness of the Parish \$3500 for lot. Amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$400.

During the past year the Lord has greatly blessed my labors, so that many have been added to the church. This is especially true of young men, a large number of whom, who were formerly enemies of God, are now walking in the pleasant and peaceful paths of true religion.

More than a year has elapsed since a change was made in this church from the free seat to the pew rental system, and we have found it to work admirably; so well that we are in urgent need of increased accommodations, which I hope, through the blessing of God and the liberality of our friends, will soon be secured.

My visits to the House of Refuge and other institutions (as previously reported) have been continued, and God has blessed my Missionary efforts.

I would also take this opportunity of returning my thanks to the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, for their kindness and prolonged assistance to me, as without their aid I could not have continued in my present useful position.

Report of Rev. Samuel Durborow, of the Parish of St. Peter's, in the Borough of Phoenixville, in the County of Chester, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

Congregation, families 50, adults 130, children 100, total 230; baptisms, adults 9, infants 43, total 52; received 1; confirmed 15; communicants, added 17, died or removed 5, present number 34; marriages 2; burials 10; public services, on Sundays 103, other days 42, total 145; children catechized weekly; Sunday schools 2, teachers 25, pupils 280; bible classes 1, members 20; collections, Episcopal fund \$2 50; Convention fund \$2 50; Society Advancement Christianity \$3; Missionary and other purposes \$429 74, total \$437 74; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$450, other sources \$200.

Remarks.—Since my last report the church-edifice has been finished

in a neat and tasteful style at an expense of about \$1500. The pews in the church are all taken with a few exceptions, and the affairs of the Parish quite regular. The Sunday schools are large and hopeful. In addition to a stated morning service in the Borough I have officiated in the afternoon at the Lead mines, and at Chestnut Grove during a part of the year. These places are both favorable for missionary operations. At the former place a chapel is about being erected at an expense of \$800. Since the death of the Rev. S. P. Nash, I have supplied St. Andrew's pulpit on Sunday afternoons; holding service in the evenings at Chestnut Grove. This field of labor (both Parochial and Missionary) is interesting and encouraging.

Report of the Rev. Joseph J. Elsegood, Rector of the Parish of Trinity Church, in the Borough of Easton, in the County of Northampton, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

Baptisms, infants 11; confirmed 14; communicants, added 12, removed 3, present number 55; marriages 8; burials 7; public services, on Sundays 103, other days 43, total 146; children catechized in the Sunday school; Sunday school 1, teachers 11, pupils 75; collections, Christmas fund \$13 30, Episcopal fund \$8 92, Convention fund \$7 13, Sunday school \$29 98, for church at Scranton, Rev. J. Long, Rector, \$8 39, for Prayer Book Society \$5 10, other purposes \$135 01, total \$207 83.

Report of Rev. Rees C. Evans, Philadelphia, from September to May.

From September to January last I took temporary charge of the Church of the Evangelists, since when I have been officiating at St. Paul's in this city. This is in addition to the labors engaged in among the poor, sick and distressed who have no pastoral supervision. Marriages solemnized 2; officiated at funerals 7 times; baptisms none.

Report of the Rev. George C. Field, Rector of the parish of Emmanuel Church, in Holmesburg, in the County of Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

Congregation, families 62, adults 158, children 129, total 287; baptisms, adults 6, infants 26, total 32; confirmed, 6; communicants, added 12, removed 5, present number, according to corrected roll, 78; marriages 1; burials 10; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 83, total 187; children catechized in the Sunday School by the Rector; Sunday schools 2, teachers 12, pupils 98; Parish schools 1, teachers 1, pupils 55; Bible classes 2; collections, Episcopal fund \$10 45, Con-

vention fund \$5 68, Society for the Advancement of Christianity \$52 06, Domestic Missions \$31 20, Christmas fund \$17 70, Church building \$16 68, Sunday school \$21, Bibles, Prayer Books, &c., \$21 50.

Statistics of Parish relating to property owned, indebtedness, &c., same as reported last year.

Report of the Rev. T. Brinton Flower, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Morgantown, Berks County, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, MORGANTOWN, BERKS COUNTY.

Families 41; communicants 39; confirmed 4; Sabbath school scholars 58, teachers 6; collections, for Diocesan Missions \$30, Bishop's fund \$6 68, Convention fund \$1 60, incidental purposes \$15, Communion alms, about \$4, appropriated to Christian education.

No arrears in salary.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, HONEY BROOK, CHESTER COUNTY.

Families 33; communicants 21; baptisms 3; Sabbath school scholars 30, teachers 3; collections, Diocesan Missions \$4, other religious purposes about \$16.

Report of the Rev. J. H. Fowles, Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults 7, infants 34, total 41; confirmed 15; communicants, reported last year 495, died or removed 29, added 45, total 511; burials, adults 18, children 9, total 27—an exact correspondence under this head with the report of last year; Sunday school teachers 67, scholars 736; public services 215.

An insight into the benevolent operations of the year, and also into the temporal and spiritual condition of the Parish, may be obtained by the following extracts from the late Pastoral Report:

"At the beginning of the parochial year, the plan was introduced of receiving in the congregation pledges for our general benevolent operations. This system will be continued annually as it is quite convenient. The amount which has been thus pledged, and which has been nearly or quite paid, you will perceive by the report of the Parish Treasurer, is \$2975 41."

From other sources, it may here be stated, there were received \$2639 44; making a total of receipts for benevolent operations of \$5614 85.

"In addition to this, about \$4000 still continue to be contributed annually towards the liquidation of our church debt, which amounts at the present time to \$26,400—although a sinking fund of some

\$13,000, it should be remembered, is already raised, which by its annual interest, and by the sum of about \$9000 pledged, and to be paid within the next two years, will ultimately remove the entire indebtedness of the congregation.

"Our temporal condition is indeed prosperous and promising, never perhaps as much so as at present. But this report has to be closed, as several of the preceding, by mourning over the few conversions which have taken place; the superficial convictions of spiritual necessity, which are generally expressed by those who profess to be inquiring the way to Christ; and, alas! the apparent inroads which the sin of worldly conformity has made in the ranks of our communicants, including some of whom far other and better things had been hoped.

"While we make this confession, however, it would be ungrateful to God and unjust to man, if we did not give thanks for the apparently charitable and zealous and consistent lives among us of many who name the name of Christ."

Report of the Rev. Benjamin Franklin, Rector of the Parish of St. John's Church, in the District of Northern Liberties, in the County of Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

Baptisms, adults 2, infants 15, total 17; confirmed 16; communicants, added 44, died or removed 52, present number 123; marriages 3; burials 6; public services, on Sundays, other Holy Days, and Wednesday evenings, from October to Whitsun-week; children catechized monthly openly in church; Sunday-schools 1, teachers 15, pupils 114; infant Sunday school 1, teachers 4, pupils 81; schools 2, teachers 19, pupils 195; collections, Convention fund \$13 01, Missionary and other purposes, not parochial, \$150, total \$163 01; property other than the Church building and lot owned by Parish, none; amount of indebtedness of the Church of the Parish, about \$28,000 (see remarks); amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$1000; arrears of salary, none.

The debt of this church was, A.D. 1819, 11,000 dollars. The creditor offered, a few months since, to commute with us for the payment of \$6,500. Unsuccessful attempts were made to raise the money, and the matter is now undergoing negotiation.

The unusually large number of communicants removed this year, is accounted for by the fact, that most of them withdrew when the pews in the Church were offered for rent, they having been free for about eleven years previously. It is due however to the Vestry, to state, that there was no occasion for persons to leave the communion for the above cause, inasmuch as a special vote was passed allowing those who preferred the "free system" to retain their usual pews and

sittings, and contribute, as they had been previously accustomed, to the support of public worship. Their departure, though a loss to St. John's, has proved a great gain to a neighboring parish, to which the majority of them resorted.

Report of Rev. John G. Farey, Rector of Trinity Church, Connelville, and St. Paul's church, Dunbar township, Fayette County.

TRINITY CHURCH, CONNELLSVILLE.

Congregation, families 18, adults 50, children 50, total 100; baptism 1 adult; confirmed 3; communicants, added 8, died 1, present number 25; marriages 2; burials 3; public services, on Sundays 45, on other days 20, total 65; besides which he has preached about 20 times in other places not within the bounds of his parishes. Sunday school, teachers 6, pupils 60; catechized frequently; Bible class 1, members 6; collections, for building a vestry-room \$77 30; of which sum \$25 was received from friends in Philadelphia; for Missionary and other purposes about \$78, total, about \$150.

The spiritual interests of this parish are in about the same condition as when reported last year. In external things there is much improvement. A vestry-room has been built; the organ, which had been broken, is repaired; the robes are now, for the first time, regularly used, and the *full* morning service regularly said. Salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$225 per annum.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, DUNBAR TOWNSHIP.

Congregation, families 4, adults 12, children 15, total 27; present number of communicants 5; public services on Sundays 40; baptisms, 6 children.

The church building belonging to this parish, is yet only in process of erection, but we have now reason to hope that it will be completed by the end of the coming summer. One of the Vestry, Major Jacob Murphy, has undertaken to finish it, and wait for the amount expended by him until it can be raised, the interest in the meantime being paid him. This, together with his own large subscription towards the church, we regard as very liberal and very kind. The entire cost of this church, when finished, will be about \$1000; nearly one-half that amount has already been expended on it. All the framework is up and it is ready for roofing. Salary promised by this Parish, \$75.

Report of the Rev. Kingston Goddard, Rector of the Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia, Philadelphia county, for the year ending May, 1853.

Families, pew holders 122, otherwise in attendance on the Church and under pastoral supervision 30, total families in connection with the Parish 152; marriages 12; baptisms, children 39, adults 7, total 46; confirmation 20, one in private on a death-bed; burials 23; communicants 250.

The Rector would report, with humble gratitude to God, the flourishing condition of the Parish, temporally as well as, we trust, spiritually. Great energy has been exhibited by the Vestry elected at the Easter election 1852. To their endeavors, under God, we owe the present great prospects of the parish pecuniarily. Too much commendation cannot be bestowed upon them for the work that they have accomplished; the congregation generally, emulating the example of their official representatives, and placing full confidence in their integrity of character and business skill, nobly seconded the effort to remove the church debt; and although at the commencement of the year the amount of that indebtedness was great,—about \$20,000—we have now nothing resting upon us but the ground-rent. What is most satisfactory in this enterprise is the fact that this amount was raised by the sale of pews mainly, in the short space of one month, our 42 pews having been purchased by members of the congregation. As a consequence of this enterprise our church edifice was consecrated to the service of Almighty God, by the Bishop of the Diocese, on Sunday March 6. All the benevolent institutions of the Parish are remarkably flourishing. The Dorcas Society still continues its labors, clothing the children of the Sunday-school, and aiding the City missionary in his benevolent labors. The Female Missionary Society still pays in full the interest on the ground-rent. The Male Missionary Association not only appropriates funds to the Sunday schools of the Parish, and to other commendable objects, but presents the entire sum necessary for the support of the Rev. Wm. F. Bryant, appointed by the Bishop City missionary in the North-western section of the city proper. Our Sunday schools are as flourishing as ever under the superintendence of Rene Guillou, Esq., of the Male department, and Mrs. Mark Richards, of the Female school; male teachers, 20, female 32, total teachers 52; male scholars 220, female scholars 372, total 592. The Sunday schools of the Parish have the usual subdivision of Male and Female Bible classes; Male and Female schools; Male and Female Infant schools. The male Bible class is under the efficient instruction of Theodore Trewendt, Esq.; the female, of Miss Margaret Trazel. Our schools, it will be noticed, outnumber in scholars and teachers, the Sunday Schools collectively of several of

our whole Dioceses. The Rector's salary is two thousand dollars a year, punctually paid at the end of each month.

The Rev. W. F. Bryant, in addition to his duties as City missionary, also acts as assistant to the Rector. The communion alms amount to about \$300 per annum.

Our Sunday schools are much interested in the African Mission and yearly contribute to its support.

Benevolent contributions during the year, to Church debt \$9000, to Organ fund \$1000, to Assistant Rector \$500, to ground rent \$600, to poor of Communion \$300, to poor through Dorcas Society \$200, to Sunday Schools \$100, to African Mission \$150, to other charities, including Church objects, Diocesan fund, &c., \$600, total \$12,450. In addition, Rector's salary and expenses of the Church \$3500—in all \$16,250, the annual amount paid by the congregation of the Church of the Atonement, through its authorized channels, for the support of the Gospel. What privately is given by its members the Rector has no means of knowing, the amount in the aggregate would, however, be large.

P. S.—Catechism monthly, examination by Rector.

Services during the year—ordinary, two services on Sunday, 104, two lectures in the week, on Wednesday and Saturday, 104, Missionary Lectures once a month 12, Lent Services and Confirmation Lectures in addition, as also Thanksgiving, Good Friday, and Christmas, which with Funeral Sermons or addresses, and Sunday School Lectures, make about 75 more, total 295.

Report of Rev. James B. Goodwin, Rector of St. Paul's church, Ohio Township, and Georgetown Church, Georgetown, in the County of Beaver, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, OHIO TOWNSHIP.

Baptisms, infants 5; communicants, removed 2, present number 43; marriage 1; public services, on Sundays 46, other days 6, total 52.

GEORGETOWN CHURCH, GEORGETOWN.

Baptisms, infants 10; confirmed 7; communicants, added 3, present number 21; marriage 1; burials 2; public services, on Sundays 52, other days 3, total 55.

There is no property other than the church buildings and lots owned by these parishes. These churches and parishes are entirely free from debt. The amount of salary (\$250) promised by *these parishes*, has been all paid to August 1st, 1852. Of the amount of missionary money expected and absolutely needed (to this date

\$262 50) only \$100 has been received. Arrears of missionary funds \$162 50.

The Georgetown church, with the aid of \$85 50 kindly contributed by St. Peter's church, Philadelphia, has been finished, paid for and consecrated. The peace and harmony of these parishes has been interrupted and a serious injury, we fear, has been done by a series of letters written to sundry persons in this parish by a minister belonging to another Diocese.

Report of the Rev. R. D. Hall, to May 1st, 1853.

Baptisms, adult 1, infants 3, total 4; marriages 7; burials 14; public services, on Sundays 40, other days 12, total 52.

Statistics of Parish.—During the past year I have, as ability permitted, been engaged in clerical services, and have spent more than a year of duty in St. Thomas' church, Philadelphia, till the return of the Rector, and also preached frequently in the city and county for my brethren.

Report of the Rev. G. Emlen Hare, D.D. Rector of the Parish of St. Matthew's Church, Francisville, in the County of Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

Congregation, families 55; baptisms, infants 2; confirmed 2; communicants, present number 50; burials 3; public services, on Sundays 104; Sunday schools 3, teachers 10, pupils 92; bible class 1; collections, missionary and other purposes \$20.

Statistics of Parish.—Amount of indebtedness of the church of the Parish \$150; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive, Rector \$300, Assistant Minister \$400; arrears of salary none.

Remarks.—Some of the items in the above report are taken from the Journal of last year, the Rector having been unable, through the pressure of week-day duties, to acquaint himself with the statistics of the Parish.

The Rev. H. S. Spackman has lately entered upon the duties of Assistant Minister of St. Matthew's, and will no doubt be able, a twelvemonth hence, to make a report satisfactory in fulness and exactness.

Report of the Rev. N. Sayre Harris, Rector of the Parish of St Paul's Church, Chester, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

Congregation, (pew-holders) adults 153, children 153, total 306; baptisms, adult 1, children 21, total 22; communicants, present number 71; marriages 6; burials 4; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 15, total 119; children catechized monthly; Sunday

schools, male and female, teachers 12, pupils 115; infant, teacher 1, pupils 75; branch, teachers 12, pupils 60, total, schools 3, teachers 25, pupils 250; bible class, teacher 1, members 12; collections, missionary and other purposes \$34 46; property other than church building and lot owned by the Parish \$1400, collected for parsonage and lot \$250; amount of indebtedness of church of the parish not more than its available lot; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$700; arrears of salary \$175.

Remarks.—The present Rector relieved Rev. Dr. Balch (whose services will be remembered long and gratefully), on November 1. A Parish library has since been formed containing nearly 400 volumes, the Sunday school library increased, a branch Sunday school established, &c., parsonage partially secured. Encouraged by the success, beyond the parish, of one of their number, the ladies are exerting themselves within its bounds to carry out the design by her so auspiciously commenced and almost completed.

The offertory at the Holy Communion (the sick and needy being otherwise cared for in this community) is applied to the various objects recommended in your pastoral. A statement of the revenue &c. of the church is herewith submitted.

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Statement of the revenues of St. Paul's Church, Chester, Delaware County, prepared by the Treasurer, Mr. C. Evans.

No. of pews, 64—rent,	\$899 00
Of which 21, for various causes, produced no revenue, (amount)	256 50
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Sunday collections,	75 22
Ground rent,	15 00
Breaking Ground,	42 50
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Actual revenue,	\$775 22
Expenditures :—Rector's salary,	\$700 00
Sexton's do.	35 00
Incidental expenses,	95 07
Insurance,	20 00
Interest on \$600,	36 00
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Deficiency,	\$110 85

Report of the Rev. Samuel Hazlehurst, Rector of the Church of the Messiah, District of Richmond, Philadelphia County.

Congregation, families 84; baptisms 21; communicants, removed 2, added 7, present number 45; marriages 7; burials 7; public services, on Sundays 98, other days 36, total 134; children catechized 65, times 6; Sunday Schools 1, teachers 10, children 100; collections, Episcopal fund \$5, Convention fund \$5, Missionary purposes \$139 66, total \$149 66.

During the year I have been sick three Sundays. On the 1st of March, 1846, I accepted the charge of this parish at a salary of \$400 per annum, but have not received *any* for the last four years.

Report of the Rev. William Hilton, Rector of the Parish of St. Paul's Church, in Kittanning, in the County of Armstrong, and Trinity Church, in Freeport, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, KITTANNING.

Baptisms, infants 6; confirmed 18; communicants, added 14, died or removed 8, present number 83; marriages 1; burials 2; public services, on Sundays 49, other days 13, total 62; children catechized 27, times 4; Sunday School 1, teachers 11, pupils 87; Bible Classes taught in Sunday School; collections, Episcopal fund \$2 87, Convention fund \$4, Society for the Advancement of Christianity \$3 50, Missionary and other purposes \$75, total \$85 27.

Statistics of Parish.—Property other than the Church building and lot owned by the Parish, none; amount of indebtedness of the Church of the Parish \$350; amount of salary the Clergyman is entitled to receive \$800; arrears of salary \$237 87½.

Remarks.—The condition of this Parish is now more prosperous than at any former period; the demand for pews is greater than the supply. The Rector feels much encouraged in his labors here, and he fondly hopes that the "time to favor" this portion of Zion, "yea, that the set time is come," for the Lord to pour out abundantly upon us the influences of His Spirit, without which our feeble efforts to win souls to Christ and fit them for the kingdom of Heaven, would be in vain.

In addition to our regular services on Sundays, we have a weekly lecture on Thursday evenings, which during the past winter has been very well attended, especially by the young, from which the Rector hopes much good will result in their spiritual edification.

TRINITY CHURCH, FREEPORT.

Baptisms, infants 5, adults 2, total 7; Communicants, added 2,

died or removed 3, present number 56; confirmed 6; burial 1; public services, on Sundays 45, other days 9, total 54; children regularly catechized in the Sunday School; Sunday School 1, male and female teachers 10, pupils 64; collections, Convention fund \$4 81, Society for the Advancement of Christianity \$2 94, Christmas fund \$3 80.

I visit this Parish but once in two weeks on Sunday; they have no services during the week, and many other obstacles stand in the way of its rapid progress. As often as I can, I spend a few days among, and visit, them in their houses and endeavor to urge upon them supreme attention to the "One thing needful."

This Parish has no property but the Church and lot, on which there is still a small amount of debt.

The salary promised to the Rector by this Parish, is one hundred and eighty dollars; one hundred and eighty-seven dollars now due.

Report of the Rev. Marmaduke Hirst, Rector of the Parish of St. Paul's Church, in the Borough of Minersville, in the County of Schuylkill, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

Congregation, families 20, adults 60; baptisms, infants 30; confirmed 2; Communicants, added 11, died or removed 2, present number 24; marriages 5; burials 10; public services, on Sundays 60, other days 10, total 70. The Parish owns no property except the Church edifice; it is free from debt. The amount of salary this year is \$200.

Report of the Rev. M. A. DeWolfe Howe, D.D., Rector of the Parish of St. Luke's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

Congregation, families 255, total of adults and children about 1100; baptisms, adults 9, infants 48, total 57; confirmed 28; communicants, added 43, died or removed 17, present number 446; marriages 17; burials 15; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 86, total 190; children catechized, times 6; Sunday Schools, male 2, teachers 10, pupils 136; female 2, teachers 19, pupils 223, total 4 schools, 29 teachers, 359 pupils; Bible Classes 6, members 54; collections, Episcopal fund \$50, Convention fund \$90 19, Society for the Advancement of Christianity \$255 52, Missionary and other purposes \$4868, total \$5258 71.

Statistics of Parish.—The Parish owns no other property than the Church building and lot; the Parish is free from debt. The amount of salary which the Clergyman is entitled to receive is \$2500, and is punctually and fully paid.

The demand for increased accommodation in St. Luke's will be in some measure met by an enlargement of our Church edifice, which is now in progress. And at the same time, it is believed, the architectural effect of the building, and its adaptation to our mode of worship, will be not a little enhanced. To the benevolent enterprises sustained by this Parish has been recently added the establishment and support of a Home for aged and desolate female members of our Communion; we have taken and neatly furnished a commodious house, and procured the services of a Christian matron, and gathered into this abode of comfort and religious influences, persons who before were scattered, destitute, lonely, in sickness, and having the most precarious supply of the bare necessities of life. They are now happy, and rejoicing in the fellowship of Christ's Church, which gives them this sensible pledge that "we are members one of another." It is due to the fidelity of those who teach in our Bible Classes and Sunday Schools, and to the proper repute of such means as efficient, under God's blessing, for good, to state that more than one-half of the whole number (28) reported as confirmed in this year, are under instruction in these nurseries of the Church.

Report of the Rev. William Huckel, deacon, Minister of the Church of the Evangelists, Philadelphia.

Having, on the 1st of January, entered upon the duties of this parish, the following is a report for the last four months:

Baptisms 21; communicants about 70; marriages 6; burials 10; services Sunday morning and evening, together with a Wednesday evening lecture; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 8, pupils 75; female 1, teachers 8, pupils 95; infant 1, teachers 6, pupils 85; Bible classes 2, pupils 30; total teachers 24, pupils 285; collections, Episcopal Fund \$10; by the Sunday schools for missions and other purposes \$100.

The church owns the building and lot on which it stands, and is entirely free from debt. Salary \$600; arrears none.

The vestry desire me to correct an oversight in the report of 1851, in which it is stated that the church "for one year had been without a pastor, and the flock had become much scattered," whereas, the Rev. R. D. Hall had kindly and gratuitously given his services during this period, and kept the congregation together until they elected a rector.

Report of the Rev. B. S. Huntington, Principal of Aston Ridge Seminary.

The school at Aston Ridge continues to increase in numbers and influence. Its daily religious instructions are doing a good work in the cause of christian education, and have been blessed, as I trust, in

some cases, to the conversion of souls—its general prosperity has exceeded that of any previous year, and afforded me but little opportunity for parochial labor.

I have had charge of the parish of Marcus Hook for the most of the time from June to April, with encouraging results. The statistics of the parish are in the hands of the Rev. Mr. Clemson, who succeeded me on the 1st of April, and will report accordingly.

Report of the Rev. Joseph Jaquett.

The Rev. Joseph Jaquett reports that he has been engaged during the past year in teaching Theological students the Hebrew language. He has also officiated in the Pulpit, at the Desk, and at the Communion table.

Report of the Rev. Edward C. Jones.

During the past year I have labored as usual in that large and growing field of usefulness, the Blockley Alms-house; the usual treatment of the insane occupies a large share of attention, and peculiar interest is shown in the care of the children's Asylum. What was once regarded as a Utopian effort (preaching to the mentally affected) has been amply found by a happy experience of four and a half years to be a feasible undertaking, and not only so, but a noble and beneficial christian charity. My detailed annual report to Dr. Howe renders a repetition of my services at this time needless, as the Bishop has procured the last statement which was extensively circulated. Since November last I have been connected with Dr. Morton, in active missionary duties for his church and Parish school. In the latter two lectures are delivered weekly, one on the History of the U. S. and another on the Church Catechism. A number of the sick are also visited, and children procured for the Sunday and week day school. This connection has been pleasant and profitable, and a large share of sympathy has been extended to the Missionary, by the worthy congregation of St. James and its beloved Pastor. In addition to work purely ministerial, the Missionary has been engaged during the year, in the delivery of lectures on Belles Lettres, in all of which he has tried to exhibit the great beauties of our common christianity.

Report of the Rev. B. B. Killikelly, D. D., Rector of St. Michael's Church, Wayne township, Armstrong Co., and Missionary in Armstrong and Clarion Counties, Pennsylvania, for the year ending May 16th, 1853.

Families 58, included in my whole mission; Baptisms, adult 1, infants 22, total 23; confirmed 14; communicants, added 11; died 3, removed 4, present number 85; marriages 5, burials 3; public services, on Sundays 56, other days 4, total 60; Sunday school 1, teachers 6, pupils 50; Bible class 1, members 12; collections, Episcopal Fund

\$1 50, Convention Fund \$2 62½, total \$4 12½; property other than the Church building and lot owned by the parish of St. Michael, none; amount of indebtedness of the church of the parish, none; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive, \$125 per annum.

(The above amount promised, but not made up.)

To account for the paucity of public services in this Report, I must, in justice to myself, state that it is chiefly owing to the prevalence of inclement weather and high waters during the greater part of the Winter and Spring; also to the distance from each other of the various points at which I hold services, and the impossibility of keeping a congregation together in rural districts, if sufficient time be allowed the minister to rest after the morning service.

Still, however, I have held services in Moore's settlement, Red Bank Township, 28 miles distant from Kittanning, and at Lawsonham, both in Clarion County; also at the Great Western Iron Works, at American, Stewardson, and Mahoning Furnaces; at a school house in Sugar Creek Township, and at regularly recurring periods, in the only organized parish (St. Michael's, Wayne township) to which I officiate.

A wide field for usefulness is spread out before me, but, from the continued existence of circumstances detailed in my last report, I can hardly do more than view it, always, however, with deep regret at not being enabled by the Church at large, to enter more fully upon its due cultivation.

Through the kind efforts of the Bishop and other friends, about \$248 have been raised towards building a plank church at some convenient point, not yet fully agreed upon, for the convenience of the immigrant Irish settled at and around the various furnaces where I preach. The building will, I hope, be ready for use before the winter sets in.

Report of the Rev. George Kirke, Rector of St. John's Church, New London, and St. James' Church, West Marlborough.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, NEW LONDON.

Congregation, families about 17; baptisms, children 10; confirmed 4; communicants, died 1, removed 1, added 2, present number 24; burials 4; public services, with sermons, on the Lord's day 26, other days 16, total 42; children catechized 3 times; Sunday school, having 4 teachers and 22 pupils; one Bible class; collections, Episcopal Fund \$2 35, Convention Fund \$3 06, Domestic Missions \$3 18, Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society \$1 78; Parochial purposes \$6. The property of the church continues as previously stated, and the amount received by the Rector, nearly as in the last Report. This parish has again suffered considerably by removals.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, WEST MARLBOROUGH.

Services with sermons on the Lord's day 24, other days 1, total 25; communicants 2; collection for Episcopal Fund 85 cents; church property and pecuniary circumstances, as before reported. Death has more than usually visited this people.

The Rector of the above mentioned parishes has, during the period embraced in the above reports, likewise been engaged in the duties of the ministry in various other places, namely, at the Chester County Prison he has had 26 public services, with sermons, on the Lord's day, and the same number of each at the Chester County Poor House; also making 51 visits to prisoners in their cells in the former establishment, and 98 to the inmates of sick rooms in the latter—the Lord, he trusts, accompanying, in many instances, these labors with His blessing. Besides other spiritual offices, God's word has been also preached at various other places on 54 occasions, 6 children have been baptized, and the Lord's Supper once administered.

Report of the Rev. Freeman Lane, Rector of Christ Church, Huntington, Adams Co., Pennsylvania.

Congregation, families 18, adults 40, children 20; baptisms, adults 6, children 5; confirmed 8; communicants 20; added 6; died 2; marriages 1; burials 5; public services on Sundays and other days 104; collections for the Convention Fund \$1, for Christmas Fund \$2, for parish purposes about \$40, Salary about \$70, besides the use of the glebe which scarcely enables the Rector to pay the taxes on it, when the tenant has taken out his share of the crops. At present the glebe is a burden rather than a pecuniary aid to the Rector. This report is for seventeen months last past. The state of my health has been such as not to allow me to give a greater amount of services, and my anxiety to build up the church would not permit me to do less; and yet I have given as many services as has been expected by the people, or as the appointments of other denominations would allow, since we are all mutually dependant upon each other to make up our congregations.

Report of the Rev. Edmund Leaf, Rector of Christ Church, Pottstown, St. Gabriel's, Morlatten, (Douglasville,) and St. Michael's, Birdsboro'.

CHRIST CHURCH, POTTSTOWN.

Families 35; congregation 150; baptisms, infants 5, and 1 adult; communicants, removed 2, excluded 1, received 2, present number 40; confirmed 2; burials 4; public services 90; Sunday school, teachers

11, scholars 53; contributions, church building 46; Convention Fund \$2 32, Christmas Fund \$5 50, Missionary and other purposes \$1 75, total \$228 82.

Salary, \$250 regularly paid, towards payment of Rector's house rent \$60, total \$310.

In this congregation there has been latterly no increase in membership, and but little occurring of a nature to afford encouragement.

ST. GABRIEL'S CHURCH, MORLATTIN.

Families 50, adults 225, children 75, total 300; baptisms, infants 8, adults 2; total 10; marriages 4; burials 11; confirmed 11; communicants, died or removed 2, excluded 1, admitted 12; present number 69; public services 42; Sunday school, teachers 10, scholars 65. Contributions, Christmas Fund \$3, Church building \$4 50, Missionary and other purposes \$45, total \$52 50; salary promised and paid \$150; pecuniary affairs, as before reported. The services in this church are well attended, and although much remains to be accomplished, the administration of the word and sacraments in the past year has not been without effect.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, BIRDSBORO'.

Families 25, adults about 100, children 40, total 140. Public services are held on each alternate Sunday. Several children have been baptized and a class formed for adult baptism and confirmation. Sunday school teachers 10, scholars 50.

The corner stone of this church was laid on Whit-sunday of last year, and on the 12th of the following February, the edifice having been completed and paid for, was duly consecrated to the service of Almighty God. The church, which is both substantial and beautiful, cost \$2600, and is already well filled with an attentive and interesting congregation.

In consequence of the demand for more frequent services in these congregations, arrangements have been made to secure an assistant minister. The Rev. Aaron Christman has consented to share the labors of the present Rector, and is expected to enter into this field in the course of a few weeks.

Report of the Rev. E. N. Lightner, Rector of Christ (Swedes) Church, Upper Merion, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

Congregation, children and adults about 160; baptisms, infants 6, adults 4, total 10; communicants, added 7, died or removed 2, present

number 75; confirmed 9; marriages 4; burials 16; Sunday school, teachers 9, scholars 55; services, every Sunday morning, in the church, and for the last five months at Bridgeport, in the afternoon. The church is open on the principal festivals and fasts. Collections, Bp. White Prayer Book Society \$3 44, Adv. Society \$8 50; Christmas Fund \$3; Church extension \$5; Domestic Missions \$5; Episcopal Fund \$7 50, other purposes \$12 50, total \$44 94.

Report of the Rev. M. C. Lightner, Rector of the Parish of Christ Church, in the city of Reading, in the County of Berks, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

Congregation, families 105, adults 320, children 187, total 507; baptisms, adults 6, infants 18, total 24; confirmed, 22; communicants, added 30, died or removed 19, present number 143; marriages 7; burials 18; public services, on Sundays 119, other days 105, total 224; children catechized monthly in the church; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 7, pupils 67, female 1, teachers 17, pupils 80, total, schools 2, teachers 24, pupils 147; Bible classes 2, members 23; collections, Episcopal Fund \$14 50, Convention Fund \$19; Advancement Society \$36 82; Domestic Missions \$25, Foreign Missions \$25, Nashotah Mission (contributed by children of the Sunday school) \$60 28; Church building, (Church in Brownsville, Texas, \$92 03, Church in Birdsboro' \$27, other churches \$33 28)—\$200 31, Floating church, Philadelphia \$25, Christmas Fund \$29 93, other purposes \$117 57, total \$553 41.

The Parish owns, in addition to the Church building and lot, a comfortable Parsonage, a debt on which of \$1200 has been recently discharged by the munificence of the Hon. M. S. Richards, one of the earliest and most liberal supporters of the church.

It is in contemplation during the summer to improve the front of our Church edifice.

Amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive besides the Parsonage, \$750, always fully and promptly paid.

The Rector gratefully acknowledges many substantial acts of kindness from the members of his congregation.

Report of the Rev. John Long, Rector of the Parish of St. Luke's Church, Scranton, in the county of Luzerne, and Missionary in Lackawanna Valley, Pennsylvania, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, SCRANTON.

Congregation, families 35, adults 75, children 74; baptisms, adults 1, infants 3, total 4; confirmed 2; communicants 18; marriages 2; burials 2; public services, on Sundays 61, other days 10, total 71;

No services for children—having no room at our disposal. Collections, Bishop White Prayer Book Soc. \$3 50; Convention Fund \$5, total \$8 50.

Property, two lots valued at \$1000, for church and parsonage. This being the first report of this parish, it must be more defective than is desirable. When we obtain a building set apart for our own use, we can be more satisfactory in statistics, &c. We have great cause for gratitude to God who has blessed us with so much success in our efforts to plant the church in this new and interesting field. Our great drawback has been dependence on others for a place to meet for worship. This obstacle we hope, in a few months, will be removed. Our church is commenced; the corner stone was laid on the 19th of April. About \$1600 have been promised; to complete we need \$800 more. Building materials are very dear here, on account of so much demand for them. This parish contains four towns—Scranton, Hyde Park, Providence and Dunmore, and contains a population of seven thousand souls or more. The projected improvements in this place, when completed, will add greatly to the importance of our work.

But little has been done here towards my support. For sixteen months past I have received but fifty dollars. This will not be so when our church is completed. I live in hope of better things.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, PITTSBURGH.

Congregation, families 15, adults 26, children 24; baptisms, infants 3; communicants 9; marriage 1; public services on Sundays 45, other days 8, total 53; Children catechized 45, times 20; Sunday school, teachers 5, scholars 45; collections, Convention fund, \$1 16; salary \$150; arrears \$20.

The Parish has no building or lot. The Vestry hope soon to obtain a lot from the Pennsylvania Coal Company. I think if we had a church we could succeed at this place; without one, but little can be done. Other denominations have comfortable places for worship, and until we can offer the same, the people will not come to us. On account of my manifold duties in the upper part of my mission, I have not been able fully to attend to the wants of this Parish. To work effectively, the field is too large. Other denominations have each several clergymen within the same field; yet some expect me to do as much as the whole of them, which is impossible, especially as I have so much work which properly belongs to the laity. A desire for a resident pastor has been expressed here; but they count not the cost. We wait the appointments of Providence.

In addition to the foregoing services, I have performed the following on Sundays and other days, 45, making in all 169. Salary prom-

ised from all sources, as Missionary in Lackawanna Valley, \$600; arrears \$163 67.

Report of the Rev. Samuel T. Lord, Missionary in Crawford County, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

Baptisms, infants 3; communicants, added 1, removed 3, present number 26; public services, on Sundays 65, other times 6, total 71; marriages 1; burials 3.

One-third of my time has been given to Franklin, and one-sixth to Oakland and Coopertown, in Venango County, where are 22 communicants. The remainder has been given to Woodcock and Richmond, in Crawford County, in the former of which places are the remaining 4 communicants. Serious indisposition at times has prevented me from rendering the usual number of services; and that, together with my straitened circumstances, has obliged me to give up my visits to Venango County, diminish my number of services, and take a few boys into my family. Still, when I get fairly under operation in this new charge, I shall give my time to different places in this county, so far as health and strength will allow. A missionary is greatly needed in Venango county.

Besides my services in the places mentioned, I have officiated a few times in other places, besides assisting Mr. Varian a number of times in the services and Holy Communion, in Meadville, and Mr. Smith a few times in Waterford.

Report of the Rev. Dwight E. Lyman, Rector of the Parish of St. Paul's Church, Columbia, in the County of Lancaster, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

Congregation, children and adults, about 120; baptisms, infants 6, confirmed 4; communicants, added 5, removed 3, present number 36; marriages 2; burials 4; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 18, total 122; children catechized twice a month; Sunday school 1, teachers 4, pupils 80; collections, Convention fund \$3 18, Soc. Adv. Christianity \$5 60, missionary \$8 60, and other purposes \$220 68, total \$238 06.

There is no other property than the church building and lot owned by the Parish. Amount of indebtedness, \$240; amount of salary received, \$300; arrears, none.

The condition of the Parish is as prosperous as at the time of the last report. Besides the amount of indebtedness last reported, we have incurred a necessary expense in paving before our church and lot, besides some other matters about the building. We have taken a monthly collection for the purpose of liquidating our debt, and have

also received from friends abroad donations to the amount of \$30, thus reducing our debt, after paying all these expenses, to \$240.

Report of the Rev. Theo. B. Lyman, Rector of Trinity and St. Peter's Churches, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County.

Baptisms, adults 8, infants 66, total 74; confirmed 47; marriages 25; funerals 22; communicants, died or removed 15, added 51, present number 279; collections, Domestic Missions \$113 32, Diocesan missions \$87 61, Disabled Clergymen \$45 86, Chippeway mission \$134, Nashotah mission \$75 88, Episcopal fund \$100, Convention fund \$20, other contributions to missionary and charitable purposes \$1280, total \$1856 67; Sunday school, teachers 25, scholars 180.

Public services have been held on all holy days, and the children have been catechized openly in the church, on the afternoon of the first Sunday in each month.

St. Peter's Church, erected under the auspices of Trinity Parish, has been completed, and was open for divine service on the first Sunday in Advent—Dec. 19th. The consecration was necessarily postponed, there being some debt still remaining, which it is hoped and believed will be removed in the course of the present year. Services have been regularly held in St. Peter's since its opening, thrice on each Sunday, and also twice during the week, and with the most encouraging results.

The Rev. E. M. Van Deusen entered upon his duties as Associate Rector of the two churches, in October last, and, since the completion of St. Peter's, has been chiefly occupied with the care of that congregation.

The Rev. George C. Foote, having been chosen Assistant Minister of the Parish, commenced his duties in that capacity in December last, and has also been officiating statedly for the congregations of St. Luke's, Chartier's Creek, and St. Mark's, Birmingham.

Report of the Rev. James Gilborne Lyons, LL.D., West Haverford.

Since the last meeting of the Convention, Dr. Lyons has preached and officiated in various churches, though his duties as a teacher have, in general, compelled him to be at home. He has, on Sunday morning, read the service, with a sermon, in his own school-room, the evening service being the only one yet publicly held in his neighborhood. He has always devoted some portion of every Sunday to the scriptural and catechetical instruction of his pupils.

Report of the Rev. A. A. Marple, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Wellsboro'.

Marriages 5; adult baptisms 4; burials 9; confirmed, in Wellsboro' 13, and at two places where I hold occasional services 4, total 17; communicants, about 70. This is the same as reported last year; but I have left off from the list the names of a number of persons who live too far from us to be counted as our communicants. The Sunday school roll has upon it the names of 50 scholars and 5 teachers.

Besides the usual Sunday services, we have had a Thursday evening lecture for nearly half the year. We had prayers and sermon on every day (except one) of Passion Week; and the Rector has preached 55 times in different parts of the county: 26 of these services were held at points from 17 to 25 miles off.

Monthly collections have been taken up.

The amount of salary I receive by "subscription" and "donation visit" is \$600. Besides this, I have the Rectory, which is equal to \$100. My parishioners, in proportion to their means, act very liberally towards me.

The ladies of the Parish have further improved the Rectory at a cost of \$80. Part of this sum is yet to be raised. Other than this, we have no debt.

I am sorry to report that there is a prospect of our losing one of our most liberal and active families.

Report of the Rev. J. Gordon Maxwell, Rector of the Parish of Emmanuel Church, Kensington, in the County of Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

Baptisms, infants 36; confirmed 7; communicants, added 18, died or removed 7; marriages 8; burials 6; public services, on Sundays 105, other days 40, total 145; children catechized 230, times, several; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 12, pupils 146; female 1, teachers 18, pupils 202, total, schools 2, teachers 30, pupils 348; Bible classes 2, members 32; collections, Episcopal fund \$6, missionary and other purposes \$444, total \$450. Amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive, \$1000.

Report of the Rev. John J. McElhinney, Rector of the Parish of St. Paul's Church, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, for the year ending April 1st, 1853.

Baptisms, infants 5; marriage 1; public services 54; communicants, removed 5, added 9, present number 35; Sunday school, teachers 15, pupils 125; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$250; salary paid punctually; collections, Episcopal Fund \$3, Convention Fund \$3, Christmas Fund \$3.

Report of the Rev. Edwin Mendenhall, Rector of St. John's Church, Salem, and Zion Church, Sterling, Wayne County.

The number of families within the bounds of my mission, about fifty; communicants, added 2, present number 28; marriages 2; burials 3; baptisms 10; public services, at Salem 56, at Ledgesdale, Sterling and other places about 60.

Zion Church, Sterling, will be ready for consecration by the first of June.

Collections at St. John's, Bible Society \$1 20, Christmas Fund \$1 38, Advancement Society \$2 62, Church building, at Easter \$2 54, Convention Fund \$2 47, Episcopal Fund \$1.

The congregation have procured a bell during the past year; and more than usual interest is manifested in the Sunday school.

Salary received \$100; donations from congregation and others, \$40. Post office, *Hamblinton*.

Report of the Rev. James K. Mendenhall, Warden of St. Andrew's Church, West Vincent, Chester County, Pennsylvania.

The warden finds no entries in the parish records since the last Convention. He reports that through the kindness of the Rev. Mr. Durborow, Rector of St. Peter's, Phoenixville, the services have been regularly kept up ever since the death of the late Rector.

Report of the Rev. Edward Meyer, Rector of the Parish of Bangor Church, Churchtown, in the county of Lancaster, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

Congregation, families 20, adults 75, children 50, total 125; baptisms, adults none, infants 11, total 11; confirmed none; communicants, added none, died or removed 1, present number 28; marriages 2; burials 8; public services, on Sundays 70, other days 20, total 90; children catechized, frequently and regularly in Sunday school; Sunday school 1, teachers 4, pupils 34; Convention Fund \$4; Soc. Adv. of Christianity, \$5 37, Missionary and other purposes \$162 83, total \$172 20.

Property other than the Church building and lot owned by the Parish, Lecture room and sixty acres of land, producing \$60 ground rent per annum. Amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive, from Bangor Church \$160, from Spring Grove \$400; Arrears of salary none.

Remarks.—A renewed effort is in progress to liquidate the balance of the Church debt; and as some of the creditors and contributors have been making a very generous beginning, it is hoped success will attend it.

Report of the Rev. Geo. D. Miles, Rector of the Parish of St. Stephen's Church, in Wilkesbarre, in the County of Luzerne, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

Congregation, families 85, adults 225, children 177, total 402; baptisms, adults 2, infants 18, total 20; confirmed 5; communicants, added 12, died or removed 11, present number 98; marriages 4; burials 12; public services, on Sundays 99, other days 20, total 119. I have also preached at various places in the neighborhood, at convocations, &c., making in all 140 sermons, besides a weekly extempore lecture, and other religious services during Lent.

One general Sunday school with about 100 scholars and 15 teachers; infant school, 50 scholars, 1 teacher; Bible class, 12 scholars, 1 teacher. Branch school at South Wilkesbarre, recently organized; 25 scholars, 5 teachers, total under instruction 187; teachers 22. All of suitable age catechized in church about once a month; collections, Episcopal Fund \$14, Convention Fund \$8, Missionary and other purposes \$435 29, total 457 29. This amount is raised in the following ways:—1. public collections in church; 2. Ladies' Soc. auxiliary to the convocation, or by personal application through other committees or the Rector; 3. Children's Missionary Association, or Sunday school penny collections. The following are the principal objects to which money has been appropriated, viz: Foreign Missions \$64, Domestic \$46, Diocesan \$71; Church building \$82; Sunday school purposes \$26; American Sunday school Union to send a library \$10; Christmas Fund \$21; Theological Seminary, Va. \$25; Parish library and other parish purposes \$46; Communion offertory for the poor \$23 71; Bible distribution in Luzerne Co. \$20. Property other than the Church building and lot owned by the Parish, a lot of ground for Parsonage, bought by the ladies of the parish at a cost of nearly \$1000; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$700; arrears of salary \$251 31.

Report of the Rev. D. S. Miller, Rector of St. Jude's Church, Philadelphia.

Families 65; baptisms, adults 2, infants 14, total 16; confirmed 8; communicants, added 27, died or removed 11, present number 75; marriages 8; burials 8; public services, on Sundays 106, other days 95, total 201; children catechized, monthly; Sunday schools 2, male 1, teachers 8, pupils 104, female 1, teachers 12, pupils 100, total schools 2, teachers 20, pupils 204; Bible classes 2, members 30; collections, Episcopal Fund \$17 52, Convention Fund \$12 24, Missionary and other purposes \$1227 51, total \$1257 27; no property except church, no indebtedness but parish ground rent of \$5000; salary \$800; no arrears for past year.

Attendance has very greatly improved. The above statistics exhibit considerable advancement over last year. The improvement is steady but slow, influenced chiefly by considerations of personal health and comfort, and the hope of benefit to the church; I have determined to leave this post on the first of July—listening to the call of what I have been induced to think is my duty, although at the expense of much feeling from the unwillingness of my congregation to part with their first Rector.

Report of the Rev. George Mintzer, Rector of the Parish of St. James' Church, Perkiomen, Montgomery County, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

Congregation, families about 50, adults 175, children 150, total 325; baptisms, infants 9; communicants, added 1, died 2, present number about 80; marriages 3, burials 3; public services, on Sundays 52, other days 10, total 62; Sunday school 1, teachers 9, pupils 68; collections, Episcopal fund \$3 75, Convention fund \$3 85, missionary and other purposes \$15, total \$22 60; the property owned by the Parish, a Parsonage with fifty acres of land, free from debt; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive, \$300; amount of salary in arrears, \$50.

The Rector continues his services at the Union Church every Sunday afternoon, and also a lecture on Thursday evenings. For these services he receives \$300, contributed by one person. The prospects of this church are becoming quite encouraging. There is a large Sunday school in connection, numbering more than one hundred pupils, taught by two pious and devoted teachers. No pains nor expense is spared to make this school a great blessing to the children and their parents, and indeed the whole community around.

Report of the Rev. Henry E. Montgomery, Rector of All Saints' Parish, Moyamensing, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

Baptisms, adults 2, infants 138, total 140; confirmed 21; communicants about 180; marriages 52; burials 66; public services, on Sundays 104, on other days 55, total 159; children catechized, times 12; Sunday schools, teachers 19, scholars 225; Parish school 1, teacher 1, scholars 40; Bible classes 2, members 30; collections, Convention fund \$5, Advancement Society \$8 18, missionary and other purposes \$785 36, total \$798 54; salary, no arrears, \$1000.

Besides the public services mentioned above, the Rector of All Saints' and the Rev. Dr. Clay have, alternately, held divine worship every Sunday evening since the 10th of October last, at the Home Mission, corner of Eighth and Reed streets, where a very convenient

school house has been erected, upon a lot given for the use of the Prot. Episc. Church by a member of St. Andrew's Parish in this city.

A devoted member of Gloria Dei Church conducts Sunday school services twice on every Sunday at this interesting missionary station, and it is earnestly hoped that, ere long, this field, wide, and "white already to harvest," will be occupied by a faithful clergyman, who can devote to it his undivided energies.

The Rector of All Saints' would also mention, among the parochial items of last year, the formation of a Parish Mutual Benefit Society, by the constitution of which, members paying a certain admission fee and small monthly dues, are entitled to so much per week in case of sickness, and their families are guaranteed a specific sum, in the event of death, to defray funeral expenses. The society has been a little more than a year in operation, and is rapidly winning the confidence of the congregation. It numbers at present about 60 members.

The Dorcas Society of the Parish has been very active during the past winter, and the Rector desires to record here his grateful sense of the services rendered in this field of labor by some faithful female worshippers, who, with certain working men of his Parish in other departments, seem resolved to lighten his own work, and to keep closer and closer to the example of our blessed Lord.

The alteration of the church, in which we have been, and continue to be, aided by many kind friends outside of the Parish, is now progressing rapidly. By the 1st of October next, with the Divine blessing, we shall have an increased accommodation, on the church floor, of upwards of 300 sittings, besides a large extension of Sunday school room in the basement. A porch will also be built, to provide a far better mode of ingress and egress than we have at present. The building will be further improved by removing the parapets, and the bringing over of the eaves of the roof. Our enlargement will enable us to furnish a still greater number of low priced pews, to accommodate the families of the poor—a design which has been kept steadily in view since the formation of the church.

Report of the Rev. William White Montgomery, Deacon, Rector-elect of St. Matthew's Church, Sunbury, and St. Mark's, Northumberland, and officiating in Christ Church, Milton, Northumberland County, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, SUNBURY.

Families and parts of families connected with the Parish 21 ; marriages 2 ; communicants about 24 ; baptized, infants 3 ; public services, on Sundays 24, other days 31, total 58 ; children catechized or addressed once or twice each month ; Sunday schools, male 1, teach-

ers 2, pupils 15, female 1, teachers 4, pupils about 25, total, schools 2, teachers 6, pupils 40; Bible class 1, members 9; collections, building fund \$2, Christmas Fund \$4 43, parochial purposes, &c. \$21 08, Sunday school collection for S. S. building \$5 14, total \$32 65.

The Vestry of this Parish have resolved to build a brick building for the use of the Sunday schools, and a subscription has been started for the purpose of collecting the requisite funds.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

Families and parts of families connected with the Parish 12; burials 3; communicants 8; baptized, infants 1; public services, on Sundays 25, other days 15, total 40; children catechized or addressed several times; Sunday schools 2, male 1, teachers 2, pupils 15, female 1, teachers 2, pupils 20, total, schools 2, teachers 4, pupils 35; Bible class 1, pupils 6; collections, Christmas fund \$3 67, Parochial purposes \$8 94, total \$12 61.

CHRIST CHURCH, MILTON.

Families and parts of families connected with the Parish 10; communicants about 15.

I have officiated in this parish six times, on different Sundays, and had made three other appointments for Sunday services, but was unable to fulfil them. This congregation needs, very much, more frequent services than I can give them, and particularly the constant ministration and pastoral oversight of a clergyman who could be settled among them.

I entered upon the Parochial charge of these churches on October 10th, 1852, from which time my report is dated. The salary which I am entitled to receive is \$500, a great part of which is regularly paid by the Advancement Society—to whose generous support I am largely indebted.

Report of the Rev. B. Wistar Morris, Rector of the Parish of St. David's Church, Manayunk, in the County of Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1, 1853.

Congregation, families 160; baptisms, adults 5, infants 70, total 75; confirmed 31; communicants, added 24, died or removed 20, stricken off 1, present number 143; marriages 6; burials 46; public services, on Sundays 106, other days 10, total 116; children catechized monthly in the church; Sunday school 1, teachers 25, pupils 262; collections, Episcopal fund \$6, Domestic missions \$12, Christmas fund \$6, Bishop White Prayer Book Society \$5, Church

Hospital \$25, repairs of the church \$100, poor of the parish \$37 63, total \$191 63. Amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$700, always fully and punctually paid.

The church property is the same as reported in 1852. During the past year the church building has been new roofed, plastered and painted at an expense of \$978, of which \$164 remain yet to be provided for.

Report of the Rev. Jacob B. Moras, Rector of St. John's Church, Carlisle, Cumberland County, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

Congregation about 48 families; baptisms, adults 4, children 5, total 9; confirmed 10; marriages 4; burials 5; communicants, added 11, died and removed 9, present number 45; public services twice on Sundays, and on all the festivals and feasts of the church as appointed in the Prayer Book; collections, Episcopal fund \$10, Convention fund \$8, Society for Advancement Christianity \$15, Missionary \$25; other contributions about the same with preceding years, and the church property as last reported. Salary \$500 and promptly paid.

Report of the Rev. Henry J. Morton, D.D., Rector of the Parish of St. James' Church, in Philadelphia City, in the county of Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

Congregation, families 150, total about 500; baptisms 43; confirmed 20; communicants, added 28, present number about 250; marriages 5; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 92, total 196; children catechized during Advent and Lent on Fridays; infant schools, male 1, teachers , pupils 36, female 1, teachers 5, pupils 30; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 4, pupils 40, female 1, teachers 15, pupils 88, total, schools 4, teachers 24, pupils 194; Bible class 1; collections, Episcopal fund and Convention fund \$156; Society Advancement of Christianity \$144, missionary and other purposes \$5129, total \$5429.

Statistics of Parish.—Property other than the church building and lot owned by the Parish, burial ground Fifth and Arch; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive, \$2500.

Report of the Rev. George W. Natt, Rector of the Parish of St. Andrew's Church, West Philadelphia, in the County of Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

Congregation, families about 20, adults 60, children 40, total 100; baptisms, adults 5, infants 28, total 33; confirmed 10; communicants, present number 24; marriage 1; burials 4; public services,

on Sundays 92, other days 65, total 157; children catechized monthly; Sunday school, teachers 10, pupils about 100; collections, Episcopal fund \$5, Convention fund \$6, Society for the Advancement of Christianity \$5; missionary and other purposes \$186 90; total \$202 90; property other than the church building and lot owned by the church, none; amount of indebtedness of the church of the Parish \$2630 28; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$500 per annum; arrears of salary \$183 68.

At the date of the last report, the church building was nearly ready for God's worship and service. Shortly after it was finished, and on the 23d of June, A. D. 1852, was opened for divine service. Thus after many years, "the place where prayer was wont to be made," became again "an house of prayer." May the Providence and Grace of Him whom God hath made head over all things to His church, evermore defend it from all the evils which the craft and subtily of the devil or man may work against it; open the way for its consecration, and make it and its services the medium of blessing to many sons and daughters of the Lord Almighty.

A silver communion service and all other needful and appropriate minor accessories of public worship have been provided by the gifts and efforts of parishioners and friends of the infant parish. Within the past year, by the sale of pews and by offerings, the debt on the church has been reduced, and the hope is cherished that contemplated efforts will result in its complete extinguishment.

Report of the Rev. Richard Newton, D.D., Rector of the Parish of St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults 7, infants 24, total 31; confirmed 17; communicants, added 25, died or removed 15, present number 400; Marriages 27; burials 27; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 180, total 284; children catechized every month; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 16, scholars 125; female 2, teachers 28, scholars 304, total, schools 3, teachers 44, scholars 429; Bible classes 2, pupils 37; collections, Episcopal Fund \$150, Convention Fund \$20, Missionary and other purposes \$4880, total \$5050.

Report of the Rev. W. H. Odenheimer, Rector of the Parish of St. Peter's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, in the County of Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

Congregation, families about 250; baptisms, adults 15, infants 125, total 140; confirmed 42; communicants, added 42, died or removed 12, present number 366; marriages 31; burials 33; public services, on Sundays 108, other days 682, at Christ Church Hospital 25, total

815; children catechized on the last Sunday in the month and on other Holy Days 42 times; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 6, pupils 70; female 1, teachers 34, pupils 178; infant 1, teachers 8, pupils 50; day school 1, teachers 3, pupils 140; Bible and Catechetical classes 3, teachers 3, pupils 124; collections, Episcopal Fund \$150, Convention Fund \$75, Society Advancement of Christianity \$324 23, missionary and other purposes \$3941 38, total \$4490 61; special distribution of charities not included in the collections \$469 67, and for 1851-'52, not reported last year \$468 88; Rector's salary \$2450, punctually paid; church debt \$9350; church property, exclusive of building and lot \$9270.

The Rector was absent, with Episcopal sanction, from the United States from September 1851, to June 1852, spending Christmas 1851 in Bethlehem of Judea, and visiting, in the course of his journey, other parts of the Holy Land, Syria, Egypt and Europe.

Whilst recording his devout gratitude to Almighty God for the guidance and protection of His Fatherly hand, whereby a prosperous journey was vouchsafed, the Rector takes occasion to express his grateful acknowledgments to the Right Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, and to his Rev. brethren of the clergy, for their generous and very acceptable official ministrations in St Peter's parish, during his absence.

Report of the Rev. Frederick Ogilby, Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia.

Families and parts of families 156; baptisms 14; communicants, died or removed 8, added 12, total 219; in addition to the usual Sunday services the church is open for morning prayer every Wednesday, and during part of the year for prayers and lecture in the evening. There is also service on Holy days, and special services during Lent; the Sunday schools and Bible class meet twice every Sunday, under the instruction of faithful and efficient teachers.

The Rector was absent during five months of this year, which fact has somewhat reduced the number of services to be reported. With great pleasure he reports to the Bishop that the debts with which this parish was burdened before the time of his assuming the Rectorship, and which have always been a hindrance to its prosperity, are now nearly provided for. On the second day of this month a meeting of the congregation was held to consider this subject. A circular was issued and a collection appointed to be made in the church, and the effort has been most successful. The following extract from the circular will show what was required:—

"The Vestry of the Church of the Ascension, encouraged by the

success which has attended their past efforts, are induced to make an attempt to free the Parish from debt. The present condition of its finances, give them the strong hope, that a united and vigorous effort will place the Parish in a position which it has not before occupied.

"When the church property came into the hands of the congregation, in the year 1845, it was embarrassed with a debt of \$8000. The church edifice, besides its unsightly appearance, was in need of extensive repairs. By continued efforts, they have been enabled to free the church property from incumbrance, with the exception of a mortgage of \$2000. They have also purchased a new organ, and put upon the church building improvements to the amount of about \$4000.

"Much embarrassment in meeting the current expenses of the Parish, has been occasioned by the fact that it has been the usual plan to meet past obligations by payments made in advance for pews-rents. The present condition of the finances is such, that with the sum of \$1200, they would be enabled to meet all their obligations, with the exception of the permanent mortgage of \$2000, and also to effect a change in the present embarrassing method of discharging the current expenses of the Parish."

The sum of \$900 has already been reported as collected in answer to the above appeal, and there is no doubt that the whole amount required will be soon contributed.

The collections for charitable purposes in the church have somewhat exceeded \$350, besides the contributions of individuals for various purposes to a very large amount.

The Rector's salary has all been paid.

Report of the Rev. Wm. H. Paddock, District Missionary in Western Pennsylvania.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, CITY OF PITTSBURGH.

Congregation, families 83; baptisms, infants 6; communicants, added 5, removed 4, present number 87; burial 1; public services, on Sundays 103, on no other days for want of a room to worship in; children publicly catechized on the first Sunday afternoon of each month; Sunday school, teachers 15, pupils 80 to 100; collections, Convention Fund \$6 88, Sunday school \$18, Bishop White Parish Library \$10, missionary and charitable objects \$48 86, Parochial purposes \$357, total \$440 24.

I have been assisted in St. James' church, one half of the time by Rev. Mr. Stone and the Rev. Mr. Bourne. On the first of May the Rev. Samuel Randall, late of the Diocese of New Jersey, became minister pro tempore. The exterior of a stone edifice, 66 by 106, is

contracted to be built the present season, if it can be done without debt. A comparatively small additional subscription is needed for the purpose.

TRINITY CHURCH, NEW CASTLE, LAWRENCE COUNTY.

Congregation, families 29; communicants, added 2, died or removed 3, present number 15; public services, on Sundays, by the Rev. Mr. Bartow, the Rev. Mr. Stone, and the Rev. Mr. Nash, 8; on no other occasion, for want of a room and inability on my own part. Collections, for parochial objects \$875.

The Church edifice is still unfinished. There are, however, some funds for the object yet in hand. The Rev. S. Nash, late of the Diocese of Connecticut, being appointed to co-operate with me at New Castle and elsewhere, stated service will be held, and renewed efforts for erection of the Church building will immediately be made.

GRACE CHURCH, MOUNT WASHINGTON, ALLEGHENY CO.

Since the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Stone, in February last, I have held Sunday evening service, mainly by assistance of the Rev. R. H. Bourne. In August next the Church edifice will be completed and the full services of the Church entered upon. The Rev. J. G. Furey, late of Connellsville, has become Rector of this Parish.

CHRIST CHURCH, GREENSBURG, WESTMORELAND COUNTY.

Congregation, families 30; baptisms, infants 6, adults 2, total 8; confirmed 12; communicants, added 10, died or removed 2, present number 38; marriage 1; burial 1; public services, on Sundays twice per month; children publicly catechized every month; Sunday school teachers 7, pupils, males 9, females 27, total 36; collections, Sunday school \$18, Convention Fund \$5, Missionary and parochial objects \$264 38, total \$287 38.

The Church edifice will probably be finished ere long. Available subscriptions and stock, to the amount of \$4000, are held for the purpose by the Vestry; but \$1000 of it, recently obtained, is on condition that the Church shall be finished within the present year.

We have met a great loss in the death of our Senior Warden, and in the removal of the late Superintendent of the Sunday school. Under God we owe much to the Sunday school. At the Bishop's late visitation four of the teachers and five of the pupils received confirmation.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BLAIRSVILLE, INDIANA COUNTY.

- Congregation, families 24 ; baptisms, infants 3 ; confirmed 2 ; communicants, added 5, removed 2, present number 19 ; marriages 2 ; public services, on Sundays twice every month ; collections, Convention Fund \$3, Missionary and charitable purposes \$21 33, total \$24 33.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, LATROBE, WESTMORELAND COUNTY.

In this Parish, organized on the 17th September last, I have been able to hold only an occasional service. Assisted by the Rev. Mr. Bartow, of New York, who spent a few months within the bounds of my District, a flourishing Sunday school, of 7 teachers and 56 pupils, was organized and well supplied with books. Mr. B. held a number of week day and Sunday services in the Parish, the ministrations of the Church in this new and thriving village being very favorably received at his hands.

Two village lots, making a desirable Church lot, having been presented by the proprietor of the place, subscriptions are in progress for a Church edifice, to be erected, it is hoped, this summer.

CHRIST CHURCH, INDIANA, INDIANA COUNTY.

A zealous communicant of the Church, with several other Episcopalians residing at Indiana, the seat of the County by that name, having made the offer of supporting our Church services in part, on the 6th of May instant I organized Christ Church, Indiana. The above-named gentleman also gives an eligible and spacious Church lot, and \$500 to head the subscription for a Church edifice. I have preached and held an occasional service at Indiana.

The last two Parishes, each half an hour's ride from Blairsville by the Pennsylvania Rail Road and its Branch, I have united with St. Peter's Church.

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, MANCHESTER, ALLEGHENY COUNTY.

The Rev. Thomas Crumpton, Rector of Christ Church, Allegheny City, having for some time past held Wednesday evening service in the United States Marine Hospital near Manchester, it was thought advisable to organize a Parish in this thriving Borough. This, accordingly, was done on the 22d February last, the Rev. Mr. Crumpton acting as Chairman of the meeting.

The Rev. R. H. Bourne, late of the Diocese of New York, who has become Rector of a flourishing Seminary for Boys, at Manchester, is Minister of the Parish.

Besides the services reported in connection with the above-named congregations, I have visited various other places in Western Pennsylvania; I have preached on 20, and have held services, or assisted on 19, different occasions, and have travelled, in the performance of my duty, 4562 miles.

Report of the Rev. R. O. Page, Rector of the Parish of Christ Church, Danville, in the County of Montour, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

CHRIST CHURCH, DANVILLE.

Baptisms, infants 24, adult 1; confirmed 12; communicants, added 17, died or removed 12; marriages 8; burials 11; public services regularly on Sundays, and semi-monthly a third service at St. James', Derry, other days 24; Sunday school 1, teachers 8, pupils 80; Bible class 1, pupils 17; collections, Episcopal Fund \$6 61, Bishop White Prayer Book Society \$6 30, Domestic Missions \$6 45, Christmas Fund \$7 78, Church building \$8 40, Convention Fund \$9, Church repairs \$300, cemetery \$308, house for Rector \$3200, other purposes \$29 29, total \$3876 63.

Besides a house the Rector's salary is \$500, and is promptly paid.

The apparent diminution in the number of communicants is owing to a thorough revision which has been made in the list, many names being dropped.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, DERRY.

At St. James' Church, Derry, 3 have been baptized, 4 confirmed, and there are 18 communicants. The Sunday school is in excellent condition.

Report of the Rev. W. S. Perkins, Rector of the Parish of St. James' Church, Bristol, in the County of Bucks, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

Congregation, families 65; baptisms, adults 2, infants 20, total 22; confirmed 9; communicants, added 11, present number 80; burials 8; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 52, total 156; Sunday Schools, male 1, female 1, total, schools 2, teachers 18, pupils 112; collections, Convention Fund \$5, Missionary \$60, other purposes \$75, total \$140.

Statistics of Parish.—Property other than the Church building and lot owned by the Parish, none; amount of indebtedness of the Church

of the Parish, nothing; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$500, arrears of salary none.

Remarks.—Nothing of any special interest has occurred in this Church during the year.

The Parish has long labored under the disadvantage of not having a sufficiently large Church edifice; this fact accounts for the uniformity of our statistics from year to year.

There is now a growing desire in the congregation for the enlargement of our present building or for a new Church, either of which we hope to see accomplished before long.

Report of the Rev. Azariah Prior, Rector of the Parish of St. James' Church, Schuylkill Haven, in the County of Schuylkill, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

Congregation, families 25, adults 40, children 60, total 100; baptisms, adult 1, infants 7, total 8; confirmed 5; communicants, added 4, died or removed 1, present number 26; marriage 1; burials 4; public services, on Sundays 80, other days 3, total 83; children catechised as often as opportunity offered; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 8, pupils 50; female 1, teachers 12, pupils 75; total, schools 2, teachers 20, pupils 125; collections, Convention Fund, Schuylkill Haven \$3 35, Heckscherville, \$3 80—\$7 15, Society for the Advancement of Christianity \$2 50, Missionary and other purposes \$70, total \$79 61.

Statistics of Parish.—Property other than the Church building and lot owned by the Parish, none; amount of indebtedness of the Church of the Parish, about \$1800. The Rector has received during the past year from the Mission at Heckscherville \$100, and a like sum from the Parish at Schuylkill Haven. The salary promised here is \$150, \$50 of which was voluntarily relinquished by the Rector.

Report of the Rev. Charles W. Quick, formerly Rector of the Parish of St. Andrew's Church, in the City of Pittsburgh, in the County of Allegheny, from May 1st, 1852, to March 28th, 1853.

Baptisms, infants 17; communicants, added up to January 1st, 1853, 12, died 2, removed 5, present number 253; marriages 4; funerals 10; public services, on Sundays 113, on week days 61, total 174.

No collections for missionary purposes have been taken up during the year now reported, for the reason that the indebtedness of the Parish still remains, and the Minister conceived it to be his duty to urge the people to be just before they were generous.

But in relation to one thing the *certainty* is undoubted, it has always been *in debt*.

My connection with this Parish ceased on the 28th of March last, since which date a new Parish, called the Church of the Epiphany, has been organized. This church was admitted to union with the Convention at the session just ended.

The Lord has smiled on an enterprise undertaken with much prayer for Divine guidance. We feel it our duty to "take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord." The preaching of Christ and the utmost simplicity in public worship consistent with the rules of our Church, are the means by which we hope the Spirit will win and edify his covenant people.

Owing to the circumstances necessarily belonging to a new organization we have concluded to defer a statistical report of the Parish until the next Convention.

Report of Robert Ralston, Warden of the Church of St. James the Less, in the county of Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

Congregation, families 40; confirmed 3; communicants, added 3, present number 52; burials 11; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 63, total 167; Sunday schools, male 1, female 1, teachers 5, pupils 10; one Parochial school and Retreat school for young ladies, on School house lane; collections, Episcopal fund \$16 23, Convention fund \$8 44, Soc. Adv. of Christianity and other domestic missions \$9 42, and other purposes \$1082 94, total \$1127 08; do. for Parochial school \$150, subscriptions for Rector \$3100, total \$4377 08.

Property other than the Church building and lot owned by the parish, Rectory and school house; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$500 at present; arrears of salary, none.

Report of the Rev. Jno. Rodney, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Germantown, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

Congregation, 120 families, and about 700 people; communicants 213, added 28, died and removed 17; baptisms 19, of whom 3 were adults; confirmed 3; buried 14; marriages 9. Sunday school, 150 pupils and 20 teachers; collections and contributions for Missionary and Church purposes \$500; Salary of Rector the same as before reported and punctually paid.

Report of the Rev. Joel Rudderow, Rector of the Parish of St. Paul's Church, Bloomsburg, in the County of Columbia, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

Congregation, families 72; baptisms, adults 4, infants 6, total 10; confirmed 11; communicants, added 18, died or removed 7, struck off

from the list 3, present number 116; marriages 7; burials 12; public services, on Sundays 94, other days 29, total 123; Sunday schools, general 1, teachers 17, pupils varying with the season from 80 to 100; infant school 1, teachers 2, pupils 41, total, teachers 19, pupils 140; Bible classes, (taught by the Rector,) 2, members on Sunday morning 25, on Friday evening 43; collections, Episcopal Fund \$4 18, Convention Fund \$6 68, Christmas Fund \$5 50, Diocesan Church Extension \$15, Church Debt \$200, Missionary and other purposes \$130 69, total \$362 05; Church property same as last year; amount of indebtedness of the Church of the Parish \$400; Rector's salary \$550.

Report of the Rev. Theodore S. Rumney, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Uniontown, and of Grace Church, Menallen Township, Fayette County, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, UNIONTOWN.

Congregation, families 32, adults 94, children 68, total 157; baptisms, adults 1, infants 10, total 11; confirmations 2; communicants, added 6, died or removed 2, present number 44; marriage 1; burials 3; public services, on Sundays 88, other days 33, total 121; children catechized about 30, monthly in the Church; Sunday school 1, teachers, male 2, female 8, total 10; scholars, male 32, female 46, total 78; collections, Episcopal Fund \$7, Convention Fund \$6, Missionary, Church repairs and other purposes, \$420 65, total \$433 65.

The prospects of this Parish are far more encouraging than when I last reported. The debt, to which allusion was then made, has been almost entirely liquidated, so as to be no longer a burden. The Ladies during the past winter held another Fair, at which they realized \$280, which, together with donations from our friends abroad and contributions from our own people, have enabled us to finish the interior of our Church in a very neat style; also to furnish it plainly but handsomely.

So soon as the means can be raised, it is our desire to complete the exterior, which still remains in a rough, unfinished condition. We have received from friends in Pittsburgh two very neat and beautiful Chancel chairs—also from the young men and ladies of Uniontown, a very handsome Bible and a beautiful Prayer Book for the desk. The congregation continues to increase, and will undoubtedly be larger, as we are *now* permitted to worship again in the Church, from which we have been excluded since the early part of last October.

Besides our larger morning Sunday school, there is connected with the Church, an *infant* Sunday school, conducted by the Rector's wife, which is well attended and promises to be a useful auxiliary to the Church.

In addition to my regular appointments in my own Parish, I have occasionally officiated in Christ Church, Brownsville, which has for several months been without the ministrations of a settled clergyman, and have also there solemnized *three* marriages and performed the burial service once.

GRACE CHURCH, MENALLEN.

This Church remains as it was when last reported. Services have been held on the afternoon of every second and fourth Sunday in each month, with one or two exceptions, when detained by sickness. Public services in all 21. The congregations are good even in unfavorable weather.

Report of the Rev. Peter Russell, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Mauch Chunk, and St. Philip's Church, Summit Hill, Carbon County, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, MAUCH CHUNK.

Congregation, families 28, adults 66, children 76, total 142; baptisms, adult 1, infants 3, total 4; confirmed 4; communicants, added 6, died 1, present number 23; marriages 6, burials 6, public services, on Sundays 72, other days 9, total 81; Sunday school 1, teachers 9, pupils 60; Bible class, members 7; collection, Episcopal Fund \$2, Convention Fund \$2, Missionary and other purposes \$344, total \$348; property other than the Church building and lot owned by the parish, none.

It is with peculiar pleasure that I am enabled to report that our parish has been freed from debt, and the church consecrated during the past year. For this, we are under special obligations to the Hon. Asa Packer, one of the Church Wardens, who gave the Vestry his receipted bill for near \$3000. In my parochial report two years ago, I named \$1500 as the amount of our indebtedness. The seeming discrepancy between this sum and the whole of our indebtedness, \$3000, is explained by the fact that Mr. Packer had previously assumed one half of the whole amount; but at the consecration of the Church, he not only released the Vestry from the half, but generously relinquished the whole, and thus freed the Church from all legal incumbrances.

Amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$300, all of which has been paid, and also \$50 upon the \$75, arrears of last year.

I still continue holding services at Nesquehoning, on alternate Sunday evenings. Number of services during the year 29; the attendance is good.

This village contains 1000 inhabitants, with no place of worship except a Romish chapel; with the aid of a few hundred dollars a cheap

church could be erected and a considerable congregation gathered. It is somewhat remarkable, that although this place has been settled nearly twenty years, yet no Protestant clergyman of any denomination has ever resided there except one, for a few months. I would also add that during a part of the year I have been engaged in Missionary work on the Upper Lehigh, at Rock Port, 16 miles above Mauch Chunk, and White Haven, 9 miles further up; service has been held at each of these places 8 times. I found here about fifty Episcopalians, among whom are ten or twelve communicants. Congregations could be gathered and cheap churches built in both of these villages, if they could receive the services of a suitable Missionary for a few years. It is a cause of regret to me that I shall be compelled to relinquish this field in a few months, when I shall no longer have the aid of the Rev. Mr. Christman, who has been assisting me at Summit Hill, and also supplying my place in Mauch Chunk on those days that I have gone up the Lehigh.

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, SUMMIT HILL.

Congregation, families 26, adults 60, children 70, total 130; baptisms, adults 3, infants 12, total 15; confirmed 6, communicants, added 8, removed 2, total 23; burials 2, public services on Sundays 60, other days 3, total 63; Sunday school 1, teachers 6, pupils 50; collections, Episcopal Fund \$2, Convention Fund \$2, Missionary and other purposes \$164, total \$168; property other than the Church building and lot none; no specified salary is promised, paid \$162 for the year; Parish free from debt. Since last September the Rev. Mr. Christman, who was appointed to assist me, has been most of the time supplying my place in this parish.

We have suffered considerably by removals; from this cause alone, we have lost seven Sunday school teachers, whose place it has been very difficult to supply. These incessant removals constitute one of the most discouraging circumstances with which we have to contend. It compels us, to a certain extent, to be always recommencing our work; always sowing and seldom permitted to reap; yet we are consoled by the reflection that what we sow here, may spring up and bear fruit elsewhere. But with this great draw-back to the Church's prosperity, it is still advancing and increasing in strength and efficiency.

Report of the Rev. O. Evans Shannon, Rector of the Church of the Crucifixion, Moyamensing, in the County of Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

Baptisms, adults 1, infants 12, total 13; communicants, added 4, died or removed 5, total 41; marriages 15; burials 8; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 36, total 140; Sunday schools, male

1, teachers 8, pupils 42, female 1, teachers 3, pupils 46, total schools 2, teachers 6, pupils 88; Bible class 1, members 8; collections for Missionary and other purposes \$14.

Report of the Rev. George Sheets, Rector of the parish of Trinity Church, Oxford township, in the County of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

Baptisms, infants 11; communicants 25; marriages 5; public services on Sunday mornings; collections; Society for Advancement of Christianity \$8 87; Domestic Missions \$8 26, Convention Fund \$8 13, Episcopal Fund \$6 33; salary paid \$620.

Report of the Rev. G. M. Skinner, Rector of the parish of Grace Church, Great Bend, and St. Mark's Church, New Milford, in the County of Susquehanna, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

GRACE CHURCH, GREAT BEND.

Congregation, families 26, adults 43, children 25, total 68; baptisms, adult 3; confirmed 3; communicants, added 4, removed 3, present number 7; burials 2; public services, on Sundays 40, other days 2, total 42; Bible class 1, members 5.

The above report, in regard to the congregation, cannot be relied on as perfectly correct, from the difficulty of ascertaining who belong to us, while we have no house or room of our own in which we can hold services.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, NEW MILFORD.

Congregation, families 31, adults 75, children 35, total 110; baptisms, adults 2, infants 4, total 6; confirmed 4; communicants, added 6, died or removed 2, present number 42; marriages 2; burials 2; public services, on Sundays 69, other days 23, total 92; in adjacent places 9 times; children catechized 18, times 11; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 5, pupils 24; Bible class 1, members 5; collections, Episcopal Fund \$5 13, Convention Fund \$3 14, Soc. Adv. of Christianity, \$6 44, Missionary and other purposes \$43 55, total \$57 26; property other than the Church building and lot owned by the Parish \$650; amount of indebtedness of the Church of the Parish, none; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive, \$200; arrears of salary none.

Remarks.—In the last year the debt upon the parsonage has been paid, the parsonage enlarged, a Melodeon, Chandalier and Lamps purchased for the Church, to the amount of \$160.

Report of the Rev. Brinton Smith, Rector of St. James' Church, Kingessing, for the year ending April 30th, 1853.

Baptisms, adults 3, infants 5, total 8; confirmed 9; communicants, added 11, died or removed 4, present number 71; marriages 4; burials 13; public services, on Sundays 84, other days 25, total 109; collections, Episcopal Fund \$15 84, Convention Fund \$7, Missionary and other purposes \$150 96, from festival \$656 53, total \$830 33.

The debt on the Parsonage amounts now to \$1000.

The Rector's salary is punctually paid.

There is great reason to expect that before the next Convention, a Sunday school building will be erected and the present Church edifice enlarged. Both improvements are much needed to meet the wants of the neighborhood, that the Church may perform her office of preaching the Gospel to the poor. Recently a Sunday school has been organized for colored children and bids fair to meet with success.

While there is much room for improvement in the parish, the Rector feels greatly encouraged in his work, and would offer thanks to God for the co-operation and support which he has received from the gentlemen of the Vestry and other members of the Church. All that is needed, by the blessing of God, to secure a rapid advancement and extension of the Gospel, is united and persevering effort on the part of minister and people. I believe that the members of the Church generally have a heart for the work, and that the dawn of a brighter day is at hand. "Thou shalt arise and have mercy upon Zion, for the time to favor her, yea, the set time is come. For thy servants take pleasure in her stones, and favor the dust thereof."

Report of the Rev. Joseph H. Smith, Rector of the parish of Calvary Church, in the Northern Liberties, Philadelphia County, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

Baptisms, adults 5, infants 82, total 87; confirmed 12; communicants, added 32, died or removed 9, present number 79; marriages 25; burials 58; public services, on Sundays 105, other days 109, total 214; children catechized 150, times 58; Sunday school 1, teachers 24, pupils 150; bible class 1, members 30; collections, Christmas Fund \$11 26, charities about home \$284 75, general parish purposes \$1186 56, total \$1442 57.

Property other than the Church building and lot owned by the parish, lot north of the Church designed for school house and Parsonage, now renting for \$200 a year; amount of indebtedness of the Church of the parish about \$300; besides a mortgage on the lot of \$3000, the interest of which is paid by the rent of the lot which we are using for the parsonage and school house; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$400 which is punctually paid; arrears of salary, none.

Report of the Rev. Richard Smith, Rector of the Parish of St. Peter's Church, Waterford, Erie County, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

Congregation, families 34 ; baptisms, adult 1, infants 3, total 4 ; communicants, added 1, died 1, present number 18 ; marriages 6 ; burials 12 ; public services, on Sundays 57, other days 3, total 60 ; Sunday schools, male teachers 3, pupils 15, female teachers 4, pupils 20, total, school 1, teachers 7, pupils 35 ; bible class 1, members 9 ; collections, Convention Fund \$8, Soc. Adv. of Christianity \$4, Missionary \$2, Disabled Clergymen \$5 50, other purposes \$7 53.

Amount of salary the Clergyman is entitled to receive \$200 ; arrears of salary \$35.

Remarks.—The congregations in this parish most times are good, and at services attention is given, but your Missionary feels more of discouragement than otherwise ; through mercy I have been able to render more services than in the previous year.

I am sorry to have to say that several families are now leaving this place, and I fear will not return again, or their places be filled up with persons attached to the Church, but I see no other way than to hope and labor, still looking to God for his blessing and further increase.

Report of the Rev. Henry S. Spackman, Rector of the Parish of St. Mark's Church, Frankford, in the County of Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

Baptisms, adults 6, infants 26, total 32 ; confirmed 4 ; communicants, added 16, died or removed 5, present number 67 ; marriages 5 ; burials 9 ; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 14, total 118 ; children catechized, 4 times ; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 9, pupils 70 ; female 1, teachers 13, pupils 96 ; infant 1, teachers 1, pupils 80 ; total schools 3, teachers 23, pupils 246 ; bible class 1, members 23 ; property other than the Church building and lot owned by the parish, one frame building on the Church lot.

Report of the Rev. Nathan Stem, Rector of the Parish of St. John's Church, Norristown, in the County of Montgomery, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

Congregation, families about 100 ; baptisms, adults 2, children 19, total 21 ; communicants, present number about 110 ; marriages 19 ; burials 17 ; public services, on Sundays 102, other days 33, total 135 ; children catechized thoroughly in Sunday school ; Sunday school 1, teachers 30, scholars about 180 ; collections, Episcopal Fund \$6, Convention Fund \$5, Missionary and other purposes \$180, total \$191.

The general aspect of affairs in the congregation remains without material change since the last report. The subject of remodeling and enlarging the Church building has been under consideration, but nothing definite has as yet been determined upon.

Report of the Rev. Wm. Bacon Stevens, D. D., Rector of the Parish of St. Andrew's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

Congregation, families 342, total souls 1354; baptisms, adults 10, infants 25, total 35; confirmed 28; communicants, added 52, died or removed 42; present number 624; marriages 17; burials 20; public services, on Sundays 100, other days 38, total 138; children catechized once a month; Sunday schools, male 2, teachers 18, pupils 176; female 2, teachers 26, pupils 270; infant schools 2, teachers 3, pupils 150, bible classes 3, members 60; total, including bible classes, teachers 50, pupils 656; collections, Episcopal Fund \$150, Convention Fund \$100, Missionary and other purposes \$8263, total \$8515; amount of indebtedness of the Church of the Parish \$5000; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$3000; arrears of salary, none.

Report of the Rev. J. A. Stone, Assistant Minister of St. Luke's Church, in the City of Philadelphia.

On the third Sunday in Lent, February 27th, I resigned the Rectorship of Grace Church, near Pittsburgh, and then, under an appointment from the Bishop of the Diocese, acted as District Missionary in Pittsburgh and the Counties adjoining, until the fourth Sunday after Easter, when I entered upon my duties as City Missionary and Assistant Minister of St. Luke's Church, Philadelphia.

While in Pittsburgh, I officiated half the time in St. James' Church, in addition to the regular duties of Grace Church, Mount Washington. This latter Church is progressing, and will be completed the coming season. Not having the register of this Parish at hand, I am not able to report the statistics in full, with the exception of the baptisms, which were, children 10.

Since my connection with St. Luke's Church, Philadelphia, as Assistant, I have officiated in the Church service every Sunday, and on the Holy days, and have performed sundry other duties pertaining to the office.

I have baptized two infants, and have buried two children.

Arrears of salary, from Grace Church, Mount Washington, \$50. .

Report of the Rev. William Suddards, Rector of the Parish of Grace Church, in the City of Philadelphia, in the County of Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

Congregation, families 228, adults and children 1200; baptisms, adults 22, infants 15, total 37; confirmed 38; communicants, added 40, died or removed 30, present number 510; marriages 11; burials 11; public services, on Sundays 100, other days 90, total 190; chil-

dren catechized or examined on scripture lessons monthly; Sunday schools, teachers 51, pupils 420; Bible classes 3, members 62; collections, Episcopal Fund \$150, Convention Fund \$100, Missionary and other purposes \$2800, total \$3050.

During the past winter this parish has been favored with the genial influences of Divine grace, which led many, especially among the young, to attend to the things which belong to their peace. Peace continues within our borders, and the evidences of affectionate regard on the part of the vestry and congregation towards their Pastor are unabated. Through their kindness and liberality I was enabled to visit Europe during the last year, deriving both pleasure and profit from the three months' absence which the trip occasioned. Without any suggestion or request on his part, the Vestry have added five hundred dollars per annum to their Rector's salary; an act which cannot fail to be appreciated. The annual stipend is \$2500 and no arrearages exist.

Report of the Rev. Joseph P. Taylor, Rector of Christ Church, New Brighton, Beaver County, Pennsylvania.

Baptisms, infants 44, adults 4, total 48; confirmed 11; communicants, deceased 1, added anew 12, by removal 1, lost by removal 1, present number 29; marriages 5; burials 4; collections, for purposes within the Parish \$231 60, extra parochial \$7 61, total 239 21; Sunday schools, teachers 15, children 75.

During the past year the church, of the progress of which mention was made in my last report, has been completed and was duly consecrated on the 8th of April last. It is a stone edifice in the pointed style of architecture—consists of western tower, nave, chancel and vestry, and has sittings for 400 persons.

Report of the Rev. Charles West Thomson, Rector of St. John's Church, York, Pennsylvania, for the year ending May 1, 1853.

Baptisms, adults 1, infants 4, total 5; confirmed 4; communicants, added 9, died or removed 6, present number 59; marriage 1; burials 7; public services, on Sundays 105, other days 35, total 140; children catechized 12 times; Sunday school, male teachers 6, pupils 35, female teachers 10, pupils 38, total, teachers 16, pupils 73; collections, Missionary and other purposes \$56 49.

This Parish, which was kindly and materially aided by Grace Church, Philadelphia, for three years, is now, and has been, during the last twelve months, self-supported.

Besides the Church building and lot, we have no property, excepting the Parsonage and lot of ground thereto attached.

Our indebtedness has been diminished during the past year, so that the amount now remaining is about \$500.

My salary is \$600, which is always satisfactorily paid.

Report of the Rev. R. S. Trapier, Missionary to Seamen, in the Port of Philadelphia, in the County of Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

Congregation, families 45, adults 70, children 50, total 120; baptisms, adults 4, infants 30, total 34; confirmed 6; communicants, added 9, died or removed 11, present number about 65; marriages 4; burials 4; public services, on Sundays 102, other days 5, total 107; children catechized frequently; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 1, pupils 6, female 1, teachers 3, pupils about 30; total, schools 2, teachers 4, pupils about 36; property other than the Church building and lot owned by the Parish none; amount of indebtedness of the Church of the Parish none; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$1000, paid punctually; arrears of salary none.

Remarks.—I am happy to state that until we were forced to part with our church edifice, the operations of the mission were blessed with continual success. The room in which we at present hold service, is too small, and not yet sufficiently well known to secure as good an attendance as formerly, though I have been enabled to keep together the little flock that has been gradually collecting. I trust that through the Divine blessing we shall soon be furnished with a new and more suitable place for public worship.

I continue to receive gratifying evidence of an interest in our mission, among the seamen and their families. The deepest regret is expressed by many at the loss of our Floating church, and I doubt not that so soon as we can erect a building on shore, the work will progress with greater success than ever.

The demand for Bibles, &c., is not so great as formerly, because of the diminution of seamen who attend at the room. There have been distributed, since the commencement of our mission, upwards of 1800 Bibles, 2500 Prayer Books and other religious books, besides several hundred thousand pages of tracts.

The number of regular attendants is very fluctuating, and it is impossible to give more than an approximate statement on the subject. I continually, however, am permitted to add new names in the place of those who remove, besides frequently meeting with seamen who apply to me for religious instruction and advice. May the great Head of the church dispose the hearts of His people to aid us in our work, give grace to the ministrations of His word and sacraments, gather His dispersed sheep into His fold, and in His own good time bring in the "abundance of the seas."

Report of the Rev. Henry Tullidge, Rector of the Parish of St. John's Church, Pequesa, in the County of Chester, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

Congregation, families 60, adults 150, children 72, total 222; baptisms, adults 4, infants 5, total 9; confirmed 6; communicants, added 7, present number 51; marriages 4; burials 2; public services, on Sundays 62, other days 13, total 75; children catechized frequently during the summer; Sunday schools, teachers 6, pupils 24; collections, Episcopal Fund \$7 Convention Fund \$5, Foreign Missions \$10, Domestic Missions \$8, Christmas Fund \$3 25, Church building Fund \$8 25, total \$41 50; property other than the Church building and lot owned by the Parish, parsonage property and Bank stock, about \$6000; amount of indebtedness of the Church of the Parish, not known, but inconsiderable; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$500; arrears of salary none.

Report of the Rev. P. Van Pelt.

Since the last Convention I have preached 26 times; read prayers 35 times; administered, or assisted in administering the Lord's Supper, 6 times; baptized two children; officiated at one funeral; visited as opportunities offered, the sick and the afflicted; and attended to my duties as Secretary of the "Board of Missions."

Report of the Rev. Alexander Varian, Rector of the Parish of Christ Church, Meadville, in the County of Crawford, Pa., for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

Congregation, families 65; baptisms, adult 1, infants 12, total 13; confirmed none, no Episcopal visitation within the year; communicants, present number 100; burials 6; public services, on Sundays 99, other days 41, total 140; children catechized in Church the first Sunday in every month; Sunday schools much the same as last year's report; collections, Episcopal Fund \$8 86, Convention Fund \$5 72, Soc. Adv. of Christianity \$11 86, Advent collections for Dom. Missions \$12 03, communion alms \$29 19, Christmas Fund for disabled Clergymen \$7 78, collections for contingent expenses \$32 42. The children of the Sunday school sent their Advent contribution, \$3 04, to Lima, Indiana, to aid Mr. Barton in finishing his Church. They have also contributed \$3 50 in monthly collections towards the Sunday school Library and Parsonage fund.

Within the past year a furnace for warming the Church has been put in a chamber beneath the floor, at a cost of \$104; and an iron fence has been constructed on the front of the Church lot at an expense of \$146 75; four collections (quarterly,) to constitute a fund for building a Parsonage, amounting to \$61 73; amount raised for pay-

ment of Church debt \$400. This was an old debt that had been hanging over the Church ever since its erection. It is now extinguished through the exertions of the ladies, and the liberality of one of the claimants who generously remitted about \$300, the whole of his claim.

Other statistics of the Parish much the same as last year.

Amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive, same as last year.

We have a very efficient and energetic "Ladies Sewing Society" connected with this Parish, which has contributed \$50 towards the iron fence, and \$87 towards the payment of the Church debts.

Report of the Rev. John A. Vaughan, D.D.

During the past year I have continued in the discharge of my duties as Rector of the Protestant Episcopal Female Institute.

In connection with a missionary Sunday school near Market street bridge, I have officiated at an afternoon service during six months of the year; and have baptized nine children and united four couple in marriage.

Report of the Rev. George Herbert Walsh, Rector of the Parish of St. John's Church, Belle Fonte, in the County of Centre, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

Congregation, families 23, adults 75, children 48, total 123; baptisms, infants 4; confirmed 3; communicants, added 7, present number 48; burials 4; public services, on Sundays 84, other days 42, total 126; children catechized about every month; Sunday school 1, teachers 6, pupils 40; bible class 1, members 13.

Collections, Episcopal Fund \$7, Convention Fund \$6, Soc. Adv. of Christianity \$10, Missionary and other purposes \$88 04. In addition to which the young ladies have raised \$110, being the proceeds of a sale held during the past winter, making a total of \$214 04.

Parish property other than the Church building and lot owned by the Parish, is the Parsonage and lot attached. There is no indebtedness.

Amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive, \$400 and the use of the Parsonage. The salary has been paid.

In addition to the duties of this Parish I have officiated several times at Buffalo Run, a Missionary station, and likewise at Lock Haven, Clinton Co. In the latter place there is a favorable opening for the Church; Wardens and Vestrymen have been chosen, the new organization has received the name of St. James' Parish, and we trust that ere long, by the blessing of God upon well directed and persevering effort, we shall be permitted to see our Church firmly planted in

that growing town, and a flourishing congregation gathered in. And we pray that God may "stir up the wills of His faithful people" to contribute according to their ability to this good work.

Report of the Rev. Daniel Washburn, Rector of Trinity Church, Pottsville.

Families 110, adults about 200, children 225, total, about 425; baptisms, 19 children, 3 adults, total 22; communicants, 3 deceased, 2 removed, 10 added, present number 81; marriages 5; funerals 5; public services, on Sundays 51, other days 22, total, during the half year 73; Sunday schools 2, male scholars 135, female 148; Bible class 1, pupils 15; Sunday school teachers 37, total in Sunday school 335; confirmed on Easter Sunday, being the second confirmation within the year, 11; the previous number, as also the names for several previous years being unknown to the present Rector, no record of the names having been accessible to him; collections, as reported by the Treasurer, Domestic missions and Church building paid to Schuylkill Convocation \$30; Sunday school \$6 95, Christmas Fund for aged and disabled clergymen \$13 86, Episcopal Fund \$8 64, Convention Fund \$8 25, Foreign missions \$5, African missions \$15 89, being the Easter Sunday school collection, Bishop White Prayer Book Society \$15 50, and \$10 50 by the Sunday school Association, all of which, excepting the Convention and Episcopal Fund items, are contributions of the last few months.

On Thanksgiving day the present Rector entered on his duties. There has been in the parish a manifest consciousness of renewing life. At the suggestion of the Wardens a meeting was called to make public the pecuniary obligations of the church. At that meeting Mr. Andrew Russel offered to pay \$2500, if the balance of the debt should be raised in 60 days. It was accordingly done. The indebtedness on the church and cemetery was found to be nearly \$6000. In addition to which a subscription of almost \$1000 was made to finish the basement. All incumbrances being thus removed, the church was consecrated February 13th.

The number of pews rented since Advent is reported by the Wardens to be twenty-seven, thus enabling them to raise the salary from \$800 to its present sum, \$1000. This is not in arrears, having been paid at the last mentioned rate from December 1st, 1852. Blessed in temporal affairs beyond the most sanguine expectations, we look in faith for the greater good from Him who alone can "give the increase" to the work of Paul or Apollos. Beside his parochial ministration proper, the Rector of Trinity has done missionary work in the mining locality of Wadesville, and in the "Church of the Holy Apostles" at St. Clair.

Report of the Rev. W. E. Webb, Rector of Grace Church, Hulmeville, St. Luke's Church, Newtown, and St. Andrew's Church, Yardleyville, Bucks County.

GRACE CHURCH, HULMEVILLE.

Families 18 ; communicants, added 5, died 3, removed 3, total 34 ; Sunday schools, teachers 11, scholars 70 ; baptisms, adult 1, marriage 1, funerals 3 ; confirmations 4 ; amount of salary the Rector is entitled to receive \$100, all paid. Since our last convention a neat Sunday school room has been erected and paid for, the church has been repaired and a lot of ground purchased for a cemetery which has recently been handsomely enclosed. The congregation have increased and are still increasing, and the Rector feels that he has much cause for encouragement in the zeal and kindness of his people.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, NEWTOWN.

Families 12 ; communicants, added 4, total 12 ; baptisms, infant 1, adult 1 ; confirmations 2 ; funerals 2 ; Sunday school, teachers 9, pupils 60 ; collection for Convention Fund \$1 25. Within the past year the debt upon the church has been entirely liquidated. The congregation have increased, and through the energy of our people, and the generous aid of friends abroad, the church edifice is now being thoroughly repaired. Amount of salary to which the Rector is entitled \$150, no arrears. Church property—a neat and substantial church edifice, Sunday school room, sexton's house, and handsome burial ground attached.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, YARDLEYVILLE.

Families 12 ; communicants 12. The prospects of this congregation seem, under the Divine blessing, to be improving. The Rector has officiated at this church every alternate Sunday evening, and sincerely regrets that the multiplicity of his duties does not admit of a service here every Sunday, as the point is one of growing interest and importance. Residing 8 miles from this church, with only a semi-monthly service, he does not feel that he is doing justice to this field. Three other points of labor, however, forbid on his part a more frequent service. Church property at this place—a good, substantial stone church, Sunday school and lecture room, added to which is a lot and burial ground.

During the past year the minister in charge of the above parishes has officiated on Sundays, on 140 occasions, also on 20 other occasions. He regards the whole field under his care, as one of no ordinary interest, and he deplures his inability to comply with the increasing demand for the public services of our church.

In addition to the above, a semi-monthly service is held at Pineville,

where efforts are now being made for the establishment of a Sunday school, and through the Christian liberality of a devoted member of our church in the city, the erection of a small chapel is in contemplation.

Report of the Rev. H. Hastings Weld, Rector of the Parish of St. James' Church, Downingtown, in the County of Chester, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

Congregation, families 45, adults 148, children 81, total 224; baptisms 5; confirmed 4; communicants, added 6, died or removed 2, present number 87; marriages 5; burials 5; public services, on Sundays 98, other days 6, total 114; children catechized 40, times 12; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 2, pupils 80; female 1, teachers 4, pupils 35, total, schools 2, teachers 6, pupils 65; Bible class 1, members 12; collections, Episcopal Fund \$3 50, Church extension (Easter) \$3 50, African Orphan Asylum (Sunday school) \$3, Sunday school library \$8, Bibles, prayer books, etc., for distribution \$9 75, Communion, Parochial, and other purposes \$54 80. In addition to the above, \$200 have been raised, principally within the parish, for completion of parsonage. The property owned by the parish other than the church, is a Rectory; amount of indebtedness \$950; amount of clergyman's salary \$200. There are no arrears.

Report of the Rev. William White, Rector of the Parish of St Peter's Church, Butler, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

Congregation, families 43, adults 101, children 98, total 199; communicants, died 1, added 4, present number 47; confirmed 5; marriages 2; burials 2; public services, on Sundays 100, other days 10, total 110; children catechized weekly; baptisms 15; Sunday school, teachers 6, scholars 42; collections, Convention Fund \$5 12, Christmas Fund \$5 04, Church building \$3 54, Bishop White Parish Library \$10, missionary and other purposes \$75, total \$98 70.

The ladies, chiefly from a sale of articles, presented by a few friends of the church in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, raised more than \$200 for the benefit of the parish, and my salary, if small, is promptly paid.

Report of the Rev. F. S. Wiley, Rector of the Church of the Nativity, Spring Garden, in the County of Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

Congregation, families 90, sittings rented 353; communicants 183, added 58, removed 12; baptisms, infants 18, adults 9, total 27; confirmed 29; marriages 17; burials 12; Sunday schools 3; male school, classes 10, boys 71; female school, classes 17, girls 140; infant school, scholars 86; Bible classes 4, attendants about 50; total, in schools and Bible classes, 330; collections, Missions, Foreign and

Domestic \$40, Sunday School Missionary Society \$50, Ladies' Charitable League \$81, offertory \$82, Diocesan Fund \$15, Convention Fund \$10, total \$278.

The present Rector took charge of the Parish on the 1st of October, 1852, and has been in the regular discharge of duty since. He has gratefully to acknowledge the hearty co-operation of many of the laymen in the Parish, and encouraging success. The latter is evinced in the determination of the Vestry to enlarge the Church building during the summer.

Report of the Rev. J. P. B. Wilmer, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

Congregation, families 140, adults 450, children 250, total 700; baptisms, adults 14, infants 34, total 48; confirmations unavoidably postponed until the present week; communicants, added 40; marriages 6; funerals 15; schools, Parish school 1, scholars 110; Sunday school 1, pupils 150; children catechized on the second Sunday of each month; Bible classes 3, including one for the study of the Greek Testament; collections for Church purposes, besides a subscription of some thousands of dollars for redemption of ground rent, about \$3500.

Nearly four years have elapsed since this Church was opened for Divine worship. During this time the congregation has been steadily increasing until the seats are now fully occupied. Within the last year the Church edifice has been embellished by the erection of a stone tower and spire, for which we are indebted to the munificence of two members of the congregation. An additional lot has also been purchased for the extension of the school house. The Rector cannot conclude this report without recording his deep sense of the Divine blessing upon the efforts of those associated in the foundation of this Church.

Report of the Rev. Thomas W. Winchester, Rector of the Parishes of St. Paul's Church, West Whiteland, and St. Peter's Church, Great Valley, both in the County of Chester, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WEST WHITELAND.

Congregation, families 20; communicants 25; baptisms, infants 3; confirmed 1; funerals 2; public services, Sundays 50, other times 3, total 53; Sunday schools, male, teacher 1, pupils 20; female, teachers 3, pupils 15; total, pupils 35; collections, Episcopal Fund \$4, Convention Fund \$1.

Salary per annum \$150, and regularly paid.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, GREAT VALLEY.

Congregation, families 15; communicants 9; baptisms, infant 1; marriages 2; burials 4; public services, Sundays 51, other times 6, total 57; Sunday school, teachers 4, pupils, male and female, 28, total 32; collections, Episcopal Fund \$2 83, Convention Fund \$1, local Missionary \$2 16.

Salary \$100 cash per annum, regularly paid, together with the parsonage and glebe, valued at \$100, total per annum \$200.

Report of the Rev. Thomas C. Yarnall, Rector of St. Mary's Church, in West Philadelphia, in the County of Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1853.

Congregation, families 48, adults 120, children 130, total 250; baptisms, adults 4, infants 26, total 30; confirmed 8; communicants, added 2, died 3, removed 13, present number 96; marriages 3; burials 8; public services, on Sundays 103, other days 37, total 140; Sunday schools, teachers 12, pupils 110; collections, Episcopal Fund \$40, Convention Fund \$15 57, Christmas Fund \$17 04; property other than the Church building and lot owned by the Parish, see Journal of 1851; there is no debt due by the Parish.

The Rector's salary, \$800, is punctually paid.

Report of the Rev. Henry W. Ducachet, D.D., Rector of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, in the County of Philadelphia, up to May 28th 1853. [Received too late for its place.]

Baptisms, 29 infants, 10 adults; confirmed 15; marriages 16; communicants about 300; deaths and funerals 16; collections, for Advancement Society \$879 25; Christmas Fund \$35 78, Convention Fund \$50, Episcopal Fund \$175 25, offerings for the poor on Thanksgiving day \$129 48, for the Parish school \$307, total (officially received), besides the Communion Alms, \$1576 76. Other large sums of money are known to have been contributed to various objects of religion and of charity, but their amount has not been ascertained with exactness.

Nearly twenty thousand dollars have, during the year, been expended in the improvement and embellishment of the Church.

The Rector's salary is \$2500 per annum, and is always paid with punctuality.

The property of the Parish, over and above the Church building and the two cemeteries belonging to its corporation, remains the same as it was when last reported, in May 1850. See Journal of that year, page 96.

This Parish owes no debts whatever.

LIST OF THE CONGREGATIONS

OF THE

DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Adams County.

Christ church, Huntington township.	Admitted	1784
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Alleghany County.

Trinity church, Pittsburgh,	do.	1818
St. Paul's church, Pittsburgh,	do.	1832
Christ church, Alleghany city,	do.	1836
St. Andrew's church, Pittsburgh,	do.	1838
St. James' church, Pittsburgh,	do.	1852
Grace Church, Mt. Washington,	do.	1852
St. Luke's church, Chartier's Creek,	do.	1852
Church of the Epiphany, Pittsburgh,	do.	1853
St. Philip's church, Manchester,	do.	1853
St. Mark's church, Birmingham,	do.	1853

Armstrong County.

St. Paul's church, Kittanning,	do.	1829
Trinity church, Freeport,	do.	1840

Beaver County.

Georgetown church, Georgetown,	do.	1814
St. Paul's church, Ohio Township,	do.	1845
Christ church, New Brighton,	do.	1852

Berks County.

St. Gabriel's church, Morlatten,	do.	1784
Christ church, Reading,	do.	1824
St. Thomas' church, Morgantown,	do.	1825

Bradford County.

St. Matthew's church, Pike,	Admitted	1814
Christ church, Towanda,	do.	1844
St. Paul's church, Troy,	do.	1845

Bucks County.

St. James the Greater church, Bristol,	do.	1784
St. Andrew's church, Yardleyville,	do.	1835
St. Luke's church, Newtown,	do.	1835
Grace church, Hulmeville,	do.	1837
Trinity church, Centreville,	do.	1840
St. Paul's church, Doylestown,	do.	1847

Butler County.

St. Peter's church, Butler,	do.	1827
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Carbon County.

St. Mark's church, Mauch Chunk,	do.	1836
St. Philip's church, Summit Hill,	do.	1850

Centre County.

Trinity church, Philipsburg,	do.	1827
St. John's Church, Bellefonte,	do.	1839

Chester County.

St. Peter's church, Great Valley,	do.	1784
St. John's church, New London township,	do.	1793
St. Mary's church, Warwick township,	do.	1808
St. John's church, Pequea,	do.	1810
St. Paul's church, West Whiteland township,	do.	1828
St. Andrew's church, West Vincent,	do.	1834
St. Mark's church, Honeybrook,	do.	1837
Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester,	do.	1838
St. Peter's church, Phoenixville,	do.	1840
St. James' church, Downingtown,	do.	1844
St. James' church, West Marlboro',	do.	1849

Clearfield County.

St. Andrew's church, Clearfield,	do.	1850
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Columbia County.

St. Paul's church, Bloomsburg,	Admitted	1793
St. James' church, Derry,	do.	1849

Crawford County.

Christ church, Meadville,	do.	1825
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Cumberland County.

St. John's church, Carlisle,	do.	1821
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Dauphin County.

St. Stephen's church, Harrisburgh,	do.	1826
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Delaware County.

St. Paul's church, Chester,	do.	1784
St. Martin's church, Lower Chichester township, Marcus Hook,	do.	"
St. David's church, Newtown township, Radnor,	do.	"
St. John's church, Concord township,	do.	1768
Calvary church, Rockdale,	do.	1835

Erie County.

St. Paul's church, Erie,	do.	1827
St. Peter's church, Waterford,	do.	"

Fayette County.

Christ church, Brownsville,	do.	1825
Grace church, Menallen,	do.	1827
Trinity church, Connelville,	do.	"
St. Peter's church, Uniontown,	do.	1843

Huntingdon County.

St. John's church, Huntingdon,	do.	1820
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Indiana County.

St. Peter's church, Blairsville,	do.	1829
Christ church, Indiana,	do.	1853

Lancaster County.

St. James' church, Lancaster,	do.	1784
Bangor church, Caernarvon township, Churchtown,	do.	1810

Christ church, Leacock,	Admitted	1819
All Saints' church, Paradise,	do.	1842
St. Paul's church, Columbia,	do.	1849
St. John's church, Marietta,	do.	1849
Hope church, Mount Hope,	do.	1849

Luzerne County.

St. Stephen's church, Wilkesbarre,	do.	1821
Trinity church, Carbondale,	do.	1845
St. James' church, Pittston,	do.	1852
St. Luke's church, Scranton,	do.	1853

Lycoming County.

St. James' church, Muncy,	do.	1820
Christ church, Williamsport,	do.	1847

Mifflin County.

St. Mark's church, Lewistown,	do.	1852
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Montgomery County.

St. James' church, Perkiomen township,	do.	1784
St. Thomas' church, Whitemarsh township,	do.	1786
St. John's church, Norristown,	do.	1815
Christ church, Pottstown,	do.	1829
The Church of the Redeemer, Lower Merion,	do.	1852

Montour County.

Christ church, Danville,	do.	1834
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Northampton County.

Trinity church, Easton,	do.	1819
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Northumberland County.

St. Matthew's church, Sunbury,	do.	1827
St. Mark's church, Northumberland,	do.	1848
Christ church, Milton,	do.	1849

*Philadelphia County.**CITY.*

Christ church, Philadelphia,	do.	1784
St. Peter's church, Philadelphia,	do.	1784

St. Paul's church, Philadelphia,	Admitted	1784
St. James' church, Philadelphia,	do.	1810
St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia,	do.	1823
St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia,	do.	1823
Grace church, Philadelphia,	do.	1827
Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia,	do.	1834
Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia,	do.	1837
St. Luke's church, Philadelphia,	do.	1839
Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia,	do.	1847
St. Mark's church, Philadelphia,	do.	1848
Church of the Mediator, Philadelphia,	do.	1848
<i>DISTRICTS, &c.</i>		
St. John's church, Northern Liberties,	do.	1816
Advent church, Northern Liberties,	do.	1842
St. Matthew's church, Francisville,	do.	1825
St. Philip's church, Spring Garden,	do.	1841
Church of the Nativity, Spring Garden,	do.	1845
Church of the Redemption, Spring Garden,	do.	1846
St. Jude's church, Spring Garden,	do.	1848
Emmanuel church, Kensington,	do.	1837
St. Bartholomew's church, Kensington,	do.	1849
Church of the Messiah, Port Richmond,	do.	1847
Zion church, South Penn township,	do.	1849
Trinity church, Southwark,	do.	1821
Church of the Evangelists, Southwark,	do.	1842
Gloria Dei church, Southwark,	do.	1845
All Saints' church, Moyamensing,	do.	1838
Church of the Crucifixion, Moyamensing,	do.	1847
St. Luke's church, Germantown,	do.	1818
Christ church, Germantown,	do.	1853
St. David's church, Manayunk,	do.	1833
St. James the Less church, North Penn township,	do.	1846
Church of the Resurrection, Rising Sun,	do.	1851
Trinity church, Oxford township,	do.	1784
All Saints' church, Lower Dublin township,	do.	1784
Emmanuel church, Holmesburg,	do.	1844

St. Mark's church, Frankford,	Admitted	1846
St. Mary's church, West Philadelphia,	do.	1827
St. James' church, Kingsessing,	do.	1844
St. Andrew's church, West Philadelphia,	do.	1852
Church of the Saviour, West Philadelphia,	do.	1852
Trinity church, Maylandville,	do.	1853

Schuylkill County.

Trinity church, Pottsville,	do.	1836
St. James' church, Schuylkill Haven,	do.	1839
St. Paul's church, Minersville,	do.	1841
Zion church, Tuscarora,	do.	1848
Church of the Holy Apostles, St. Clair,	do.	1848
Calvary church, Tamaqua,	do.	1849

Susquehanna County.

St. Mark's church, New Milford,	do.	1822
St. Paul's church, Montrose,	do.	1832
St. Andrew's church, Springville,	do.	1838

Tioga County.

St. Paul's church, Wellsborough,	do.	1841
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Washington County.

Trinity church, Washington,	do.	1844
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Wayne County.

Grace church, Honesdale, Dyberry Parish,	do.	1834
St. John's church, Salem,	do.	1845
Zion church, Sterling township,	do.	1851

Westmoreland County.

Christ church, Greensburg,	do.	1823
St. John's church, Latrobe,	do.	1853

York County.

St. John's church, York,	do.	1785
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CHURCHES NOT IN UNION WITH THE CONVENTION.

Adams County.

Christ church Chapel, Petersburg, a Chapel of Christ church, Huntingdon.

Alleghany County.

St. Peter's church, a Chapel of Trinity church, Pittsburgh.

Armstrong County.

St. Michael's church, Wayne township.

Beaver County.

Trinity church, Rochester.

Berks County.

St. Michael's church, Birdsboro'.

Blair County.

St. Luke's church, Altoona.

Bradford County.

Trinity church, Athens.

Bucks County.

Christ church, Oakgrove, a Chapel of All Saints', Lower Dublin.

Clinton County.

St. James' church, Lockhaven.

Columbia County.

Christ church, Jerseytown.

Fayette County.

St. Paul's church, Mount Braddock.

Lancaster County.

St. John's Free chapel, Lancaster.

Lawrence County.

Trinity church, New Castle.

Mifflin County.

Trinity church, Locke's Mills.

Montgomery County.

Christ church, Upper Merion, Swedes' church.

Philadelphia County.

St. Thomas' church, Philadelphia, for colored persons.

Church of the Redeemer, Philadelphia, Floating chapel.

Calvary church, Philadelphia, Bishop White Monument church.

Susquehanna County.

Grace church, Great Bend.

LIST OF THE CLERGY
OF THE
DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The Right Rev. ALONZO POTTER, D.D., L.L.D., Bishop, Philadelphia.

Allen, Thomas G., missionary in the City and County of Philadelphia.

Balch, L. P. W., D.D., rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, West-Chester.

Bean, Henry H., rector of St. Stephen's, Harrisburg.

Beasley, Frederick W., rector of All Saints' church, Lower Dublin, and Christ Chapel, Oak Grove. P. O. Bridgewater, Bucks County.

Beatty, Archibald, minister of Zion church, Tuscarora, and Calvary church, Tamaqua, Schuylkill county.

Black, J. Henry, minister of Christ church, Williamsport.

Bonnar, James, B. D., Assistant in the Protestant Episcopal Academy, Philadelphia.

Bowman, Samuel, D.D., rector of St. James' church, Lancaster.

Brown, Henry, rector of St. David's church, Radnor, Delaware county, and Church of the Redeemer, Lower Merion.

Bryant, Wm. F., assistant to the rector of the Church of the Atone-ment, and missionary in the North-Western part of Philadelphia.

Buchanan, Edward Y., rector of Christ church, Leacock, and All Saints' church, Paradise, Lancaster. P. O. Paradise.

Bull, Levi, D.D. P. O. Marsh, Chester county.

Bylesby, DeWitt Clinton, rector of St. Mark's church, Lewis-town.

Childs, John A., assistant minister of Emmanuel church, Kensington.

Christman, Aaron, deacon, officiating in Carbon County.

Clark, Samuel A., rector of the Church of the Advent, Northern Liberties, Philadelphia.

Clay, Jehu C., D.D., rector of the Swedes' church (Gloria Dei), Southwark, Philadelphia.

Clements, Samuel, rector of Trinity church, Washington.

Clemson, John B., rector of St. Martin's church, Marcus Hook.

Coleman, John, D.D., rector of Trinity church, Southwark, Philadelphia.

Cooley, William C.

Cooper, Charles D., rector of St. Philip's church, Philadelphia.

Cornwall, Nathaniel E., rector of St. Andrew's church, Pittsburgh.

Cowell, Samuel.

Crumpton, Thomas, rector of Christ church, Alleghany. P. O. Pittsburgh.

Davis, Robert, Philadelphia.

Davis, Thomas J., rector of the Church of the Resurrection, Rising Sun Village.

Diehl, William N.

Dix, Morgan, assistant minister at St. Mark's church, Philadelphia.

Dorr, Benjamin, D.D., rector of Christ church, Philadelphia.

Douglass, Jacob M., rector of Zion church, Philadelphia.

Douglass, Benjamin J., rector of Christ church, Towanda.

Douglass, William, rector of St. Thomas' (African) Church, Philadelphia.

Drake, George C., rector of St. James' church, Muncy.

Duane, Richard B., rector of Grace church, Honesdale.

Ducachet, Henry W., D.D., rector of St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia.

Dupuy, Charles M., Philadelphia.

Durborow, George A., rector of the Church of the Redemption, Spring Garden, Philadelphia.

Durborow, Samuel, rector of St. Peter's church, Phoenixville.

Dyer, Heman, D.D., rector of the Church of the Saviour, West Philadelphia.

Elsegood, Joseph J., rector of Trinity Church, Easton.

Evans, Rees C., missionary, Philadelphia.

Field, George C., rector of Emmanuel church, Holmesburg.

Flower, Thomas B., rector of St. Thomas' church, Morgantown, and St. Mark's, Honey Brook. P. O. Morgantown.

Foote, George C., assistant minister of Trinity church, Pittsburgh.

Fowles, James H., rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia.

Franklin, B., rector of St. John's church, Northern Liberties, Philadelphia.

Furey, John G., minister of Trinity church, Connelville, Fayette County, and St. Paul's, Dunbar Township.

Goddard, Kingston, rector of the Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia.

Goodwin, James B., rector of St. Paul's church, Beaver County, and St. Luke's church, Georgetown.

Gray, Horatio, assistant to the rector of St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia, and missionary in the parts adjacent.

Hall, Richard D., residing in Philadelphia.

Hard, Anson B. P. O. Chester.

Harris, N. Sayre, rector of St. Paul's church, Chester.

Hare, G. Emlen, D.D., rector of St. Matthew's church, Francisville, and Principal of the Protestant Episcopal Academy, Philadelphia.

Hazlehurst, Samuel, rector of the Church of the Messiah, Port Richmond, Philadelphia County.

Hilton, William J., rector of St. Paul's church, Kittanning, and Trinity church, Freeport. P. O. Kittanning.

Hinds, William J., Philadelphia.

Hirst, Marmaduke, rector of St. Paul's church, Minersville, Schuylkill County.

Hoffman, C. C., missionary to Africa.

Hooker, Herman, D.D., Philadelphia.

Hopkins, George P.

Howe, M. A. DeWolfe, D.D., rector of St. Luke's church, Philadelphia.

Huckel, William S. (deacon), minister of the Church of the Evangelists, Philadelphia.

Huntington, Benjamin S., Principal of Aston Ridge Seminary. P. O. Village Green, Delaware County.

Jaquett, Joseph, teacher of Hebrew, residing in Philadelphia.

Jones, Edward C., missionary at Blockley Alms House, Philadelphia.

Jones, Norris M., rector of St. Bartholomew's church, Philadelphia.

Killikelly, Brian B., D.D., rector of St. Michael's church, Wayne Township. P. O. Kittanning.

Kirke, George, minister at New London Cross Roads, and West Marlboro', Chester County. P. O. Downingtown, Chester County.

Lane, Freeman, rector of Christ church, Huntingdon Township, Adams County.

Leaf, Edmund, rector of Christ church, Pottstown, St. Gabriel's church, Douglassville, Montgomery County, and St. Mark's church, Birdsboro', Berks County.

Lightner, Edwin N., rector of Christ church (Swedes), Upper Merion, Montgomery County. P. O. Norristown.

Lightner, Milton C., rector of Christ church, Reading.

Long, John, rector of St. Luke's church, Scranton, and St. James' church, Pittston, Luzerne County.

Lord, Samuel T., residing at Meadville, and missionary in Crawford County.

Lyman, Dwight E., rector of St. Paul's church, Columbia, and missionary at Marietta, Lancaster County. P. O. Columbia.

Lyman, T. B., rector of Trinity church, Pittsburgh.

Lyons, James G., L.L.D., classical teacher. P. O. West Haverford.

Mahan, Milo, professor of Ecclesiastical History in the General Theological Seminary, New York.

Marsden, John H. P. O. York Springs, Adams County.

Marple, A. Augustus, rector of St. Paul's church, Wellsboro', Tioga County.

Maxwell, John Gordon, rector of Emmanuel church, Kensington.

Maxwell, J. L. (deacon.)

Mendenhall, Edward, rector of St. John's church, Salem, Wayne County, and missionary in parts adjacent.

McElhenney, John J., rector of St. Paul's church, Pittsburgh.

McLeod, Alexander, rector of St. John's church, Huntingdon, Huntingdon County, and missionary in Blair County.

Meyer, Edward, rector of Bangor church, Churchtown, Lancaster County.

Miles, G. D., rector of St. Stephen's church, Wilkesbarre, Luzerne County.

Miller, Daniel S., rector of St. Mark's church, Frankford, Philadelphia County.

Mintzer, George, rector of St. James' church, Perkiomen, Montgomery County. P. O. Perkiomen Bridge.

Montgomery, Henry E., rector of All Saints' church, Moyamensing, Philadelphia County.

Montgomery, William White, minister of St. Matthew's church, Sunbury, and St. Mark's church, Northumberland.

Morris, B. Wistar, rector of St. David's church, Manayunk.

Morss, Jacob B., rector of St. John's church, Carlisle.

Morton, Henry J., D.D., rector of St. James' church, Philadelphia.

Murphy, John K., rector of Calvary church, Rockdale, and St. John's church, Concord, Delaware County.

Nash, Sylvester, missionary in Western Pennsylvania.

Natt, G. W., rector of St. Andrew's church, Mantua.

Newton, Richard, D.D., rector of St. Paul's church, Philadelphia.

Norris, W. H., residing in Philadelphia.

Odenheimer, William H., rector of St. Peter's church, Philadelphia.

Ogilby, Frederick, rector of the Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia.

Paddock, William H., District missionary in Western Pennsylvania. P. O. Pittsburgh.

Page, R. O., rector of Christ church, Danville.

Perkins, William S., rector of St. James' church, Bristol.

Platt, G. Lewis, rector of the Church of the Mediator, Philadelphia.

Prior, Azariah, rector of St. James' church, Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill County.

Quick, Charles W., rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Pittsburgh.

Rambo, J., missionary to Africa.

Randall, Samuel, ministering in St. James' church, Pittsburgh.

Rodney, John, rector of St. Luke's church, Germantown, Philadelphia County.

Rogers, Joshua M., Easton.

Rudderow, Joel, minister of St. Paul's church, Bloomsburg, Columbia County.

Rumney, T. S., rector of St. Peter's church, Uniontown.

Russell, Peter, rector of St. Mark's church, Carbon County, Mauch Chunk, and St. Philip's, Summit Hill.

Shannon, Owen E., rector of the Church of the Crucifixion (a colored mission), Philadelphia.

Sheets, George, rector of Trinity church, Oxford, Philadelphia County. P. O. Frankford.

Skinner, Gardner M., rector of St. Mark's church, New Milford, Susquehanna County.

Smith, J. Brinton, rector of St. James' church, Kingsessing, Philadelphia County.

Smith, Joseph H., missionary in Northern Liberties, and minister of Calvary church, Philadelphia.

Smith, Richard, rector of St. Peter's church, Waterford, Erie County.

Spackman, Henry S., assistant minister of St. Matthew's church, Francisville, Philadelphia County.

Stem, Nathan, rector of St. John's church, Norristown.

Stevens, Wm. Bacon, D.D., rector of St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia.

Stone, Joseph A., assistant to the rector of St. Luke's, Philadelphia, and missionary in the District of Moyamensing.

Suddards, William, rector of Grace church, Philadelphia.

Talbot, Mortimer R., chaplain in the United States Navy. P. O. Philadelphia.

Taylor, Joseph P., rector of Christ church, New Brighton, Beaver County.

Temple, Richard, minister of Christ church, Brownsville.

Thomson, C. West, rector of St. John's church, York.

Tullidge, Henry, rector of St. John's church, Pequea, Lancaster County.

Trapier, Richard S., missionary to Seamen in the port of Philadelphia.

Van Deusen, E. M., associate rector of Trinity church, Pittsburgh.

Van Pelt, Peter, Secretary to the Board of Missions, Philadelphia.

Varian, Alexander, rector of Christ church, Meadville.

Vaughan, John A., D.D., rector of the Episcopal Female Institute, Philadelphia.

Ver Mehr, J. L., L.L.D., missionary to San Francisco, California, in the employment of the Domestic Committee of the Board of Missions.

Walsh, George H., rector of St. John's church, Bellefonte, Centre County.

Washburn, Daniel, rector of Trinity church, Pottsville.

Webb, W. E., rector of St. Luke's church, Newtown, Grace church, Hulmeville, and St. Andrew's church, Yardleyville. P. O. Newtown, Bucks County.

Weld, H. Hastings, rector of St. James' Church, Downingtown, Chester County.

White, William, rector of St. Peter's church, Butler, Butler County.

Whitesides, Henry F. M.

Wiley, F. S., rector of the Church of the Nativity, Spring Garden, Philadelphia.

Williams, C. P., D.D., classical teacher, Philadelphia.

Wilmer, J. P. B., rector of St. Mark's church, Philadelphia.

Wilson, Bird, D.D., LL.D., Emeritus Professor in the General Theological Seminary, New York.

Winchester, T. W., rector of St. Paul's and St. Peter's churches, Great Valley, Chester County. **P. O. Warren.**

Woodward, James A., missionary in Oregon.

Wyatt, Christopher B.

Yarnall, Thomas C., rector of St. Mary's church, West Philadelphia.

Dr. The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in

1852.	To Balance due the Treasurer,	Dolls.	97	C	04
May 11,	To cash paid J. Montgomery, Sexton, expenses				
" 25,	of the Convention,		23		50
July 13,	To cash paid J. Montgomery, Sexton, for services				
May 21,	to Standing Committee,		12		00
	To cash paid the following clergymen, in part of				
	their expenses in attendance on Convention,				
	viz ;				
	Rev. A. Prior,		3	00	
	" Wm. H. Paddock,		12	50	
	" J. A. Stone,		12	50	
	" S. P. Nash,		1	00	
	" J. P. Taylor,		12	00	
	" Geo. H. Walsh,		7	00	
	" D. C. Bylleshy,		6	00	
	" Richard Smith,		20	00	
	" Jos. J. Elsegood,		3	00	
	" George Kirke,		1	00	
	" Samuel Clements,		15	00	
	" Richard B. Duane,		8	50	
	" Geo. D. Miles,		6	00	
	" Wm. White,		15	00	
	" E. Mendenhall,		6	00	
	" E. Y. Buchanan,		2	50	
	" H. Tullidge,		2	50	
	" A. A. Marple,		8	50	
	" Henry H. Bean,		5	25	
	" Geo. C. Drake,		6	25	
	" J. Rudderow,		5	00	
	" Wm. Hilton,		15	00	
	" Thomas Crumpton,		12	50	
	" Wm. C. Cooley,		3	00	
	" Peter Russell,		4	00	
	" Edward Meyer,		3	00	
	" G. M. Skinner,		11	00	
	" J. N. Rogers,		6	00	
Aug. 4,	To cash paid King & Baird, on acc't of printing,		213	00	
1853.			275	00	
Jan. 15,	" " " "		3	75	
April 2,	" " " in full,		136	85	
	Amount carried forward,		\$761	14	

Pennsylvania, in account with Thomas Robins, Treasurer.

		Dolls.	C.
1853.			
May 12,	By cash con't. from St. Luke's ch., Germantown,	10	00
" 14,	" " St. James', Philadelphia.	50	00
" "	" " ch. of Nativity "	7	50
" 17,	" " Grace ch. "	50	00
" "	" " St. Philip's ch. "	50	00
" "	" " Ch. of Atonement, "	25	00
" "	" " St. Stephen's ch. "	50	00
" 20,	By cash from the following churches, viz.:		
	Christ ch., Meadville,	6	21
	St. John's ch., New London,	2	96
	St. James', West Marlboro',		76
	Calvary ch., Rockdale,	4	00
	St. John's ch., Concord,	3	00
	St. James', Schuylkill Haven,	3	00
	St. Mark's ch., Lewistown,	3	00
	St. Paul's ch., Chester county,	1	50
	St. Peter's ch. " "	2	50
	Trinity ch., Pottsville,	8	21
	St. Martin's ch., Marcus Hook,	5	00
	Bangor ch., Churchtown,	3	06
	St. James' ch., Perkiomen,	5	43
	St. John's ch., Carlisle,	8	00
	Advent ch., Philadelphia,	14	00
	St. John's ch., Piquette,	5	00
	St. Philip's ch., Summit Hill,	5	00
	St. Mary's ch.,	2	00
	Trinity ch., Easton,	7	10
	St. Mark's ch., Frankford,	5	00
	St. Stephen's ch., Harrisburg,	10	50
	St. James' ch., Lancaster,	21	25
	Christ's ch., Brownsville,	2	50
	St. Andrew's ch., West Philadelphia,	1	00
	Grace ch., Honesdale,	10	00
	Christ ch., Allegheny,	8	50
	Gloria Dei, Philadelphia,	10	00
	St. Peter's ch., Butler,	2	85
	Trinity ch., Freeport,	3	69
	Ch. of the Messiah, Port Richmond,	5	00
	St. Paul's ch., Kittanning,	3	75
	Ch. Holy Trinity, West Chester,	8	00
	St. John's ch., Wayne county,	2	28
	Christ ch., Reading,	14	69
	St. Paul's ch., Wellsboro',	4	50
	St. Stephen's ch., Wilkesbarre,	11	50
	St. James' ch., Bristol,	2	50
	Trinity ch., Oxford,	5	00
	St. John's ch., Norristown,	5	00
	St. Peter's ch., Waterford,	3	75
	St. Andrew's ch., Springville,	4	50
	St. Mark's ch., New Milford,	4	34
	St. James' ch., Pittsburgh,	6	56
	Amount carried forward,	\$246 39	\$242 50

Dr.

<p>1853. May 10,</p>	<p>Amount brought forward, To cash paid Jno. McIntyre, for arranging and preserving the records, and sundry postages paid under supervision of the committee on records, To balance,</p>	<p><i>Dolla.</i> 761 18 929</p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p>\$1001</p>	<p>C- 14 46 35</p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p>95</p>
	<p>We have examined the foregoing account, and find it correct.</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>RICHARD S. SMITH, } Committee. JOHN BOWLEN. }</p> <p>Phila., May 10, 1853.</p> </div>		

Pennsylvania in account with Thomas Robins, Treasurer.

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			<i>Dolls.</i>	<i>C.</i>
1853.	Amount brought forward,	246 39	242	50
May 20,	St. Peter's ch., Blairsville,	5 00		
	Christ ch., Greensburg,	6 00		
	Church of the Redemption,	2 33		
	St. Mathew's ch., Franciaville,	14 83		
	St. James' ch., Kingsessing,	7 03		
	St. Paul's ch., Bloomsburg,	4 30		
	St. James' ch., Muncy,	5 18		
	Emmanuel ch., Holmesburg,	5 70		
	All Saints', Lower Dublin,	5 00		
	Grace ch., Hulmeville,	1 00		
	Trinity ch., Pittsburgh,	20 00		
	St. Peter's ch., Phoenixville,	2 75		
	Christ ch., New Brighton,	2 37		
	St. Andrew's ch., Pittsburgh,	5 00		
	Christ ch., Leacock,	5 00		
	All Saints' ch., Paradise,	5 00		
	St. Michael's ch., Armstrong county,	1 00		
			343	88
June 10,	St. Paul's ch., Philadelphia,		20	00
" 25,	St. Jude's ch. "		5	73
" 29,	St. Peter's ch. "		50	00
" "	St. James the Less "		5	20
Sept. 9,	Collection at Annual Convention,		27	57
Nov. 4,	Trinity ch., Southwark,		10	75
1853.	Christ ch., Philadelphia,		45	62
March 18,	St. Peter's ch., Union Town,		6	00
April 6,	St. John's ch., Bellefonte,		6	00
May 5,	Christ ch., Towanda,		5	00
" 6,	Trinity ch., Connelville, two years,		5	00
" "	Church of Epiphany, Philadelphia,		50	00
" 9,	St. Andrew's ch. do.		88	70
" 10,	St. Luke's ch. do.		90	00
			1001	95
May 10,	By balance brought down,		\$222	35
	E. E. THOMAS ROBINS, <i>Treasurer.</i>			
	Philada., May 10, 1853.			

*Dr.**Fund for Infirm and Disabled Clergymen*

		<i>Dolls.</i>	<i>C.</i>
1852.			
June 24,	To cash paid Rev. Robert Davis, half year, due 1st Sept., 1852,	100	00
July 1,	To cash paid Rev. A. B. Hard, quarter, due this day,	62	50
" "	To cash paid Mrs. R. Bryant, quarter, due this day,	25	00
July 12,	To cash paid Mrs. F. B. Bourns, quarter, due 1st instant,	62	50
Sept. 11,	To cash paid Rev. A. B. Hard, quarter, due 1st Oct. next,	62	50
" 29,	To cash paid Rev. R. Davis, quarter, due 1st Dec. next,	50	00
Oct. 1,	To cash paid Mrs. R. Bryant, quarter, due this day,	25	00
" "	To cash paid Mrs. F. B. Bourns, quarter, due this day,	62	50
Dec. 2,	To cash paid Rev. R. Davis, quarter, due 1st March next,	50	00
" 18,	To cash paid Rev. A. B. Hard, quarter, due 1st Jan next,	62	50
1853.			
Jan. 3,	To cash paid Mrs. R. Bryant, quarter, due 1st inst.	25	00
" 4,	To cash paid Mrs. F. B. Bourns, quarter, due 1st inst.	50	00
March 28,	To cash paid Rev. A. B. Hard, quarter, due 1st April next,	62	50
April 1,	To cash paid Mrs. R. Bryant, quarter, due this day,	25	00
" "	To cash paid Mrs. F. B. Bourns, quarter, due this day,	50	00
" 16,	To cash paid Rev. R. Davis, quarter, due 1st June next,	50	00
Amount carried forward,		625	00

in account with *Thomas Robins, Treasurer.**Cr.*

		Dolls.	C.
1852.	By balance per last account,	798	17
May 14,	By contributions from the following churches, viz :		
	St. John's ch., Pequea,	4	80
	St. Martin's ch., Marcus Hook,	5	00
	St. James' ch., Lancaster,	27	37
	St. Peter's ch., Butler,	2	00
	Trinity ch., Freeport,	4	50
	St. Paul's ch., Kittanning,	4	40
	Trinity ch., Oxford,	6	65
	St. Paul's ch., Erie,	6	00
	St. Peter's ch., Waterford,	4	00
	St. Mark's ch., New Milford,	2	37
	St. Paul's ch., Bloomsburg,	14	17
	All Saints' ch., two years, Lower Dublin,	10	00
	St. Paul's ch., Columbia,	3	00
June 29,	St. James the Less,	4	28
		98	54
July 13,	By interest on investment,	47	00
Dec. 17,	By contributions from the following churches, viz. :		
" "	Christ ch., Towanda,	10	00
" 27,	St. Mathew's ch., Francisville,	5	10
" "	St. Andrew's ch., Philadelphia,	78	10
" "	St. Stephen's ch. "	35	78
" "	St. James' ch. "	100	00
" 28,	Christ ch., Reading,	29	93
" 29,	All Saints' ch., Paradise,	5	00
" "	Gloria Dei ch., Philadelphia,	10	00
" "	St. James' ch., Perkiomen,	3	26
" "	St. Mark's ch., Lewistown,	6	34
" "	Holy Trinity ch., West Chester,	18	37
" 30,	Bangor ch., Churchtown,	18	50
" "	Church of the Advent, Philadelphia,	30	00
" "	St. Philip's ch. "	50	00
" 31,	Calvary ch. "	11	26
" "	Trinity ch. "	36	45
" "	St. Peter's ch. "	100	00
" "	St. Paul's ch., Chester,	10	00
" "	St. Andrew's ch., Mantua,	7	00
" "	St. Stephen's ch., Wilkesbarre,	21	00
1853.			
Jan. 3,	Trinity ch., Pottsville,	13	86
" "	Emmanuel ch., Holmesburg,	17	73
" "	St. John's ch., Bellefonte,	5	00
" "	Interest on investment,	23	50
" 4,	Trinity ch., Pittsburgh,	45	86
" "	St. Mathew's ch., Sunbury,	4	43
" "	St. Mark's ch., Northumberland,	3	67
" "	St. James' ch., Muncy,	6	58
" 6,	Christ ch., Pottstown,	5	00
" "	St. Gabriel's ch., Morlatton,	3	00
" "	St. Luke's ch., Philadelphia,	122	50
	Amounts carried forward,	\$815 72	\$967 21

<p>1853. May 16,</p>	<p>Amount brought forward, To balance,</p>	<p>Dolls. C. 825 00 1139 48</p> <hr/> <p>\$1964 48</p>
<p>We have examined the above account, compared it with the vouchers, and find the balance as stated correct, and an investment of one thousand dollars in City of Philadelphia 5 per cent. loan.</p> <div style="margin-left: 100px;"> <p>MOSES KEMPTON, } WM. H. NEWBOLD, } Committee.</p> </div> <p>Phila., May 16, 1853.</p> <p>The Trustees of the Christmas Fund for Disabled Clergymen respectfully report, that during the past year they have received \$1166 31, of which \$1087 03 was contributed by fifty-seven churches; \$8 38 in donations by individuals, and \$70 50 interest from one thousand dollars invested some years since, to be converted into money in case any extraordinary demand should render it necessary.</p> <p>The balance in the Treasurer's hands was, at the commencement of the fiscal year, \$798 17; there has been expended, since that time, the sum of \$625, leaving now on hand \$1139 48 to meet the expenses for the remainder of the year.</p> <p>The benefits of the trust are now extended to two clergymen and the widows of two, to the amount collectively, of \$750 per annum.</p> <p>By order of the Trustees.</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 50px;"> <p>WM. H. NEWBOLD, <i>Secretary.</i></p> </div> <p>Phila., May 16, 1853.</p>		

in account with *Thomas Robins, Treasurer.*

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			Dolls.	C.
1853.	Amounts brought forward,	892 50	967	21
Jan. 7,	Christ ch., Meadville,	7 78		
" 8,	Christ ch., Danville,	7 78		
" 10,	St. David's ch., Manayunk,	6 00		
" 11,	Christ ch., Philadelphia,	69 00		
" 15,	Trinity ch., Easton,	13 30		
" 17,	Christ ch., Upper Merion,	3 00		
" "	St. Jude's ch., Philadelphia,	17 12		
" 21,	St. Paul's ch., Bloomsburg,	5 50		
Feb. 9,	Grace ch., Honesdale,	10 00		
April 13,	St. Mark's ch., Mauch Chunk,	10 00		
" "	St. Philip's ch., Summit Hill,	10 00		
" "	Rev. Mr. Mendenhall,	1 38		
" 16,	Mrs. Wm. Cox, 1853,	5 00		
" 22,	Rev. J. H. Marsden,	2 00		
May 10,	St. James' ch., Kingessing,	11 10		
" 3,	St. Peter's ch., Phoenixville,	1 50		
			997	27
	E.E. THOMAS ROBINS, <i>Treasurer.</i>		\$1964	48
	<i>Phila., May 16, 1853.</i>			

*Dr.**J. Francis Fisher, Treasurer, in account with the*

		<i>Dolla.</i>	<i>C.</i>
1852.			
April 5,	To balance in Bank of Pennsylvania,	376	03
	" cash, temporary loan drawn from Pennsylvania Company for Insuring Lives, &c., with interest, and this day deposited in Bank of Pennsylvania,		
		454	65
May 11,	To cash received from J. Davis, being interest on his bond due May 6,	135	00
	To cash, annual subscription of Mr. W. K. Lejee,	25	00
July 7,	To cash, interest on loan of Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Company,	18	00
Dec. 10,	To cash, interest on bond of J. Davis,	135	00
1853.			
Jan. 3,	To cash, interest on loan of Chesapeake and Delaware Canal,	18	00
Feb. 13,	To cash, subscriptions of Tobias Wagner, T. H. White, J. F. Fisher and Miss E. Miffin,	88	00
March 25,	To cash, donation of M. Humphreys, Esq.,	50	00
" 26,	To cash, annual subscription of Mrs. Weir,	5	00
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		61305	57
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*Clergy Daughters' Fund,**Cr.*

		<i>Dolls.</i>	<i>C</i>
1852.			
April 17,	By check to order of Miss P. C. Evans, to pay bill for education of Miss Weld,	37	50
" 22,	By check to order of E. S. Wholen & Co., to pay for purchase of certificate for \$500 loan of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Company,	485	00
" 30,	Do. do. for \$100 of same loan,	97	00
July 21,	By check to the order of Stavely & McCalla, to pay their bill for printing report,	7	50
Dec. 6,	By check to order of Miss P. C. Evans, to pay her bill for the education of Miss Helen Weld,	37	50
1853.			
Feb. 10.	By check to order of Edwin Spaford, to pay bill for education of Misses Meudenhall, McLeod, Whitesides and Upfold, at the Retreat,	333	57
" 19,	By check to order of Rev. Dr. Vaughan, to pay bill for education of Miss Mary Bryant, to Feb. 1, 1853,	80	00
		1078	07
		227	50
	By balance,	\$1305	57

The Trustees of the Clergy Daughters' Fund respectfully report,

That during the last year they have contributed the sum of \$485 57 towards the education of six young ladies, daughters of clergymen—five of whom are at Boarding Schools, and the sixth at the Episcopal Female Institute in this city.

It is the earnest wish of the Trustees to enlarge the operations of this charity, and it is believed that its services are much needed, and have been productive of much good. They regret to add that unless its income from subscribers be increased they will not only find it impossible to increase their appropriations, but may be compelled, at no distant day, to reduce the number of their beneficiaries.

The report of the Treasurer is annexed.

For the Trustees.

A. POTTER, Pres't. (*Ex-officio*)
Phila., May 17, 1853.

Dr. The Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Pennsylvania,

		Dolls.	C.
	<i>INVESTMENTS made during the year by order of the Standing Committee.</i>		
1853. Aug. 3,	For account of the KOHNE LEGACY in a certificate of Penna. 5 per cent. loan for \$150 costing, at 98½,	\$147 37	
1853. March 4,	For account of the EPISCOPAL FUND, in a certificate of Penna. 5 per cent. loan for \$491 10, costing, at 98½,	482 50	
" "	The principal of the bequest of the late MRS. SUSAN B. BROWN, of CHURCH CHURCH, Philadelphia, in a certificate of Penna. 5 per cent. loan for \$508 90, costing, at 98½,	500 00	
			1129 87
	Amount carried forward,		01129 87

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1852.			Dolla.	C.
May 12,	By BALANCE as per last account submitted.		596	00
	Receipts from PARISHES during the year.			
" 12,	St. Luke's church,	Germantown,	\$10	00
" 15,	Nativity "	Philadelphia,	7	50
" 18,	Atonement "	"	50	00
" 19,	Emmanuel "	Kensington,	10	00
	St. Thomas' "	Morgantown,	6	10
	St. John's "	New London,	2	55
	St. James' "	Parkinson,	2	83
	St. John's "	Carlisle,	10	00
	St. Mark's "	Lewistown,	5	00
	Advent "	Philadelphia,	14	00
	Trinity "	Easton,	7	28
	St. John's "	Peques,	5	00
	St. James' "	Lancaster,	25	00
	St. Andrew's "	Mantua,	1	00
	Messiah "	Richmond,	5	00
	Holy Trinity "	West Chester,	8	00
	St. John's "	Salem,	1	98
	Trinity "	Oxford,	2	13
	St. James' "	Bristol,	2	50
	St. John's "	Norristown,	6	00
	St. James' "	Kingsessing,	10	00
	St. Matthew's "	Francisville,	18	58
" 21,	Trinity "	Pittsburgh,	100	00
	St. Andrew's "	"	50	00
	Calvary "	Tamaqua,	5	75
" 25,	St. Peter's "	Phenixville,	3	00
June 9,	St. Jude's "	Philadelphia,	8	73
" 21,	St. James' "	Muncy,	7	25
	Christ "	Towanda,	5	00
	St. Stephen's "	Wilkesbarre,	14	00
" 29,	Gloria Dei "	Philadelphia,	10	00
" 30,	St. James-the-less	Falls of Schuylkill,	6	49
July 9,	Christ "	Danville,	6	61
	St. James' "	Derry,	1	92
" 13,	Emmanuel "	Holmesburg,	10	46
" 14,	Calvary "	Rockdale,	5	00
	St. John's "	Concord,	3	00
" 23,	Trinity "	Pottsville,	8	64
Aug. 14,	Christ "	Reading,	14	50
Sep. 4,	Christ "	Meadville,	8	86
" 10,	Trinity "	Southwark,	50	00
1853.				
Jan. 17,	All Saints' "	Lower Dublin,	10	00
Feb. 9,	Grace "	Honesdale,	15	00
April 10,	St. Mark's "	Philadelphia,	84	33
" 25,	St. Peter's "	Uniontown,	7	00
" 28,	St. Jude's "	Philadelphia,	8	79
May 2,	St. Paul's "	Bloomsburg,	3	70
	Amounts carried forward,	\$658 48	\$596	00

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			Dolla.	C.
	Amounts brought forward,	\$658 48	596	00
	<i>Receipts from PARISHES continued.</i>			
1853.	St. Peter's church, Phoenixville,	2 50		
May 3,	Christ " Leacock,	4 00		
" 6,	All Saints' " Paradise,	6 00		
" 7,	St. Luke's " Philadelphia,	52 35		
			723	33
	<i>Receipts from INVESTMENTS.</i>			
1852.	Pennsylvania 5 per cent. loan,			
May 5,	\$20,740 83, six months interest,	518 52		
	Less state tax,	25 93		
		492 59		
1853.	Penna. 5 per cent. loan, \$20,740 83,			
Feb. 2,	six months interest,	518 52		
	Less state tax,	25 92		
		492 60		
1852.	Philadelphia City 6 per cent. R. R.			
Aug. 14,	loan, \$400, six months interest,	12 00		
	Less state tax,	60		
		11 40		
1853.	Philadelphia City 6 per cent. R. R.			
Jan. 3,	loan, \$400, six months interest,	12 00		
	Less state tax,	60		
		11 40		
			1007	99
	<i>Receipts from the A. DOX LEGACY.</i>			
1852.	W. Stewart's ground rent for 6 mos.,	72 00		
Aug. 26,				
1853.	" " "	72 00		
May 9,				
1852.	McCall's " 12 mos.,	12 00		
Nov. 5,	Taxes,	3 51		
		8 49		
1853.	J. Lawrence's " 12 mos.,	24 00		
May 7,				
1852.	Six months interest on Penna. 5 per			
Aug. 26,	cent. loan, \$1486 72,	37 17		
	Less state tax,	1 86		
		35 31		
1853.	Six months interest on Penn. 5 per			
Feb. 2,	cent. loan, \$1486 72,	37 17		
	Less state tax,	1 86		
		35 31		
			247	11
	<i>KORNE LEGACY.</i>			
1852.	Six months interest on \$6000,			
Aug. 14,	Philadelphia City 6 per cent. R.			
	R. loan,	138 00		
	Less state tax,	6 90		
		131 10		
	Amounts carried forward,	\$131 10	\$2574	43

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	Amounts brought forward,	131 10	2574	43
1853.	KOHNE LEGACY continued.			
Jan. 3,	Six months interest on \$4600, Philadelphia City 6 per cent. R.			
	R. loan,	138 00		
	Less state tax,	6 91		
		131 10		
Feb. 2,	Six months interest on \$150, Penna. 5 per cent. loan, \$3 75, less state tax 19 cents,	3 56	265	76
1852.	PILMORE LEGACY, through R. R. Montgomery, Esq., Treasurer.			
Aug. 4,	Six months interest on Penna. 5 per cent. loan, \$7664 37,	191 61		
	Less state tax,	9 58		
		182 03		
1853.	Six months interest on Penna. 5 per cent. loan, \$7664 37,	191 61		
Feb. 1,	Less state tax,	9 58		
		182 03	364	06
1852.	HUTCHINS' LEGACY, through R. R. Montgomery, Esq., Treasurer.			
Aug. 4,	Six months interest on Penna. 5 per cent. loan, \$1880 58,	47 01		
	Less state tax,	2 35		
		44 66		
1853.	Six months interest on Penna. 5 per cent. loan, \$1880 58,	47 01		
Feb. 1,	Less state tax,	2 35		
		44 66	89	32
1852.	LOAN IN AID OF THE FUND FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE EPISCOPATE IN PENNSYLVANIA, through R. R. Montgomery, Esq., Treasurer.			
July 1,	Six months interest on U. S. 5 per cent. loan, \$4000,	100 00		
	Less proportion paid Bishop H. U. Onderdonk,	19 13		
		80 87		
1853.	Six months interest on U. S. 5 per cent. loan, \$4000,	100 00		
Jan. 3,	Less proportion paid Bishop H. U. Onderdonk,	19 13		
		80 87		
1852.	Six months interest on Penna. 5 per cent. loan, \$3348 80,	83 70		
Aug. 4,	Less state tax,	4 16		
		79 54		
	Amounts carried forward,	\$241 28	\$3293	57

	Amounts brought forward,	241 28	Dolls.	C.
	LOAN IN AID OF THE FUND FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE		3293	57
	EPISCOPATE IN PENNA. through <i>R. R. Montgomery, Esq., Treasurer</i> , continued.			
1853.	Six months interest on Penna. 5 per	83 70		
Feb. 3,	cent. loan, \$3348 80,	4 16		
	Less state tax,	79 54		
			320	62
1852.	<i>Bequest of MRS. SUSAN B. BROWN,</i>			
8ep. 14,	<i>of Christ Church, Philadelphia,</i>		500	00
	through Bishop Potter,			
	SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS in aid of the BISHOP'S			
1852.	SALARY.			
May 13,	St. James' church, Philad.	150 00		
Dec. 4,	Epiphany "	150 00		
" 20,	St. Stephen's "	150 00		
1853.				
Jan. 3,	St. Andrew's "	150 00		
	Christ "	150 00		
" 4,	Grace "	150 00		
April 18,	St. Paul's "	150 00		
May 7,	St. Luke's "	150 00		
" "	St. Peter's "	150 00		
" "	St. Philip's "	100 00		
			1450	00
	Amount carried forward,		\$5564	39

Dr. *The Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Pennsylvania,*

1853.	Amount brought forward,	Dolls. 5564	C. 39
	<p>The subscribers, appointed by the Standing Committee, do certify that they have examined the foregoing account and found it correct; they have also examined the certificates of stock in which the fund is invested, and found that they amount to <i>twenty-one thousand seven hundred and forty dollars and eighty-three cents of Penna. 5 per cent. loan, and four hundred dollars of Philadelphia City R. R. 6 per cent. loan, belonging to the "Episcopal Fund," and four thousand six hundred dollars Philadelphia City R. R. 6 per cent. loan, and one hundred and fifty dollars Pennsylvania 5 per cent. loan belonging to the "Kohne legacy."</i></p> <p>\$21,740 83 Penna. 5 p. cts. 400 00 Philada. City R. R. 6 p. cts.</p> <hr/> <p>22,140 83 Episcopal fund.</p> <p>4,600 00 Philada. City R. R. 6 p. cts. 150 00 Penna. 5 per centa.,</p> <hr/> <p>4,750 00 Kohne legacy.</p> <p>THOMAS ROBINS, } CHARLES D. COOPER, } <i>Committee.</i> <i>Philadelphia, May 10th, 1853.</i></p>		

in account with John Welsh, Jr., Treasurer.

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1853.	Amount brought forward,	Dolls. 5564	C. 39
	<p>E. & O. E. JNO. WELSH, Jr., Treasurer. Philadelphia, May 10, 1853.</p>		
	<p>The Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, consists of twenty-one thousand seven hundred and forty dollars eighty-three cents in Penna. 5 per cent. loan, four hundred dollars in Philadelphia City R. R. 6 per cent. loan, and four hundred and thirty-four dollars and fifty-two cents in cash in the Bank of North America; and the "Kohne Legacy" of four thousand six hundred dollars in Philadelphia City R. R. 6 per cent. loan, and one hundred and fifty dollars in Pennsylvania 5 per cent. loan. During the year the investments have been increased, under the orders of the Standing Committee, by the purchase, for the "Episcopal Fund," of one thousand dollars, Penna. 5 per cent. loan at a cost of nine hundred and eighty-two dollars and fifty cents, and for the "Kohne Legacy" of one hundred and fifty dollars Penna. 5 per cent. loan at a cost of one hundred and forty-seven dollars and thirty-seven cents.</p> <p>\$31,740 83 Penna. 5 p. cts. 400 00 Philada. City R. R. 6 p. cts.</p>		
	<p>22,140 83 <i>Episcopal Fund.</i></p>		
	<p>4,600 00 Philada. City R. R. 6 p. cts. 150 00 Penna 5 p. cts.</p>		
	<p>4,750 00 <i>Kohne Legacy.</i></p>		
	<p>JAMES S. SMITH, G. M. WHARTON, T. M. PETTIT, THOS. ROBINS, JOHN WELSH, Jr. } Trustees of the Philadelphia, May 16th, 1853. <i>Episcopal Fund.</i></p>		

APPENDIX.

CHARTER* OF INCORPORATION OF, ETC.

Whereas, the following named persons, citizens of this commonwealth, viz :

have, together with other citizens, associated for the purpose of worshipping Almighty God, according to the faith and discipline of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America ; and have for that purpose formed a congregation at _____ in _____ and are now desirous to be incorporated agreeably to the provisions of the Act of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, entitled " An Act, to confer on certain associations of the citizens of this Commonwealth, the powers and immunities of corporations or bodies politic in law." They therefore declare the following to be the objects, articles, and conditions of their said association, agreeably to which they desire to be incorporated, viz :

First. The name of the Corporation shall be " The Rector, Churchwardens, and Vestrymen of _____

Second. This church acknowledges itself to be a member of, and to belong to, the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Pennsylvania, and the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America. As such it accedes to, recognizes, and adopts the constitution, canons, doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Pennsylvania, and of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and acknowledges their authority accordingly.

Any member of this church or corporation, who shall disclaim or refuse conformity to the said authority, shall cease to be a member of this corporation, and shall not be elected, or vote in the election of vestrymen, or exercise any office or function in, concerning, or connected with, the said church or corporation.

Third. The rents and revenues of this corporation shall be, from time to time, applied for the maintenance and support of the rector, ministers, and officers of the said church, and in the erection and necessary repairs of the church and church

* Referred to in Regulation V., Constitution, Canons, &c., p. 36.

yard, and parsonage house and other houses which now do, or hereafter shall belong to the said corporation, and to no other use and purpose whatsoever.

Provided always, that the clear yearly value or income of the real and personal Estate held by the said corporation, shall not at any time exceed the sum of two thousand dollars.

Fourth The said corporation shall not, by deed, fine or recovery, or by any other means, without the assent of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the State of Pennsylvania, or of the standing committee of the diocese, previously had and obtained, grant, alien, or otherwise dispose of any lands, messuages, tenements, or hereditaments in them vested, nor charge, nor encumber the same to any person or persons whomsoever.

Fifth. The rector of this church shall be elected by the churchwardens and vestrymen, in such manner as the statutes and by-laws shall ordain. The vestry of the said church shall consist of persons, members of the said church, who shall continue in office for one year, and until others be chosen, and the election of such vestry shall be made every year on Easter Monday, by a majority of such members of the said church, as shall appear by the vestry books, to have paid two successive years preceding the time of such election, for a pew or sitting in the said church; provided that until the next Easter Monday after the expiration of five years from the date of this charter, members of the said church, who shall in any way have contributed to the erection of the church, or to the support of the rector or ministers thereof, shall be entitled to vote at the election of vestrymen; and provided, that in case of the failure to elect vestrymen on that day, the corporation shall not on that account be dissolved, but the election shall be holden on some other day, in such manner as the by-laws may prescribe; and provided further, that the by-laws, rules, and ordinances of this corporation, shall not be repugnant to the constitution and laws of the United States, or of the Commonwealth, or to this instrument.

Sixth. No person shall be the rector or assistant minister of this church, unless he shall have had episcopal ordination, and unless he be in full standing with the Protestant Episcopal Church of the State of Pennsylvania, and of the United States, and recognized as such by the bishop of this diocese, or in case of a vacancy in the episcopate, by the standing committee of the diocese.

Seventh. The said vestry shall have full power to choose their own officers: and they shall annually, at their first meeting after their election, choose one of their own number to be one churchwarden, and the rector for the time being shall elect another of the said vestrymen to be the other churchwarden of the said church.

In case of a vacancy in the office of rector at the time of the election, the other churchwarden shall also be chosen by the vestry, to remain until the election of a rector, or a new election of the vestry. And during such vacancy, the churchwardens for the time being, and vestrymen, shall have the same powers and authorities relating to the disposition of the rents and revenues of the said corporation, as are hereby vested in the rector, churchwardens, and vestrymen. *Provided always*, that it shall be the duty of the said churchwardens and vestrymen, to elect another rector to supply the vacancy as soon as conveniently may be.

Eighth. The following named persons to be the churchwardens and vestrymen, to continue in office until the election on Easter Monday next, and until others be chosen, viz: *

* The ninth article of the Charter of 1829 was rescinded by the following proceedings of the Convention of 1833. (See Journal, p. 55.)

"Whereas, it is understood by this Convention that the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania has refused to approve the charter of an Episcopal Church in this diocese, containing the ninth article of the form of charter recommended by the fifth Revised Regulation.

"*Resolved*, That this Convention withdraw their recommendation of the ninth article of the form of charter, referred to in the fifth Revised Regulation, and leave to each congregation to adopt, in case the corporation is dissolved, such provision for preserving the property for the use of a Protestant Episcopal Church, on the same principles, as they may deem expedient, and as may be consistent with law.

"*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the different incorporated churches in the diocese, to pass a by-law, providing for the vesting of all the estate of the corporation, in case of its dissolution, in the Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, to be held by it in trust for the benefit of a future congregation of members of the church, which may be formed upon the same principles in the same neighborhood.

FORM OF THE CERTIFICATE OF LAY DEPUTIES TO CONVENTION.

It is hereby certified, that at a meeting of the Vestry of Church, in the county of , held on the day of 18 , Mr. was duly elected a lay deputy to the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Pennsylvania, to be held in , on the day of next; and that the said deputy is now, and has also been for not less than the six calendar months next before his election, a worshipper in the said Church.

Dated this of , 18

} *Wardens.*

} *Vestrymen.*

N. B.—If more than one deputy be chosen, a certificate in the above form may be given to each, or which is better, the names of all may be included in one certificate, varying the language accordingly.

N. B.—According to Canon XI., “no other certificate or evidence of the appointment of any lay deputy or deputies to the Convention of this Diocese, shall be allowed or received.”

FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORT.

To the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

Report of the parish of _____ Church, in _____, in
the county of _____, for the year ending May 1st, 18 ____.

CONGREGATION. Families, _____; Adults, _____; children, _____; total ____.

BAPTISMS. Adults, _____; Infants, total, ____.

CONFIRMED, ____.

COMMUNICANTS. Added, _____; Died or removed, _____; present number, ____.

MARRIAGES, ____.

BURIALS, ____.

PUBLIC SERVICES. On Sundays, _____; Other days, _____; total, ____.

CHILDREN CATECHISED, _____; Times, ____.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS. Male, _____; Teachers, _____; Pupils, ____.

“ Female, _____; Teachers, _____; Pupils, ____.

Total, _____ Schools, _____; Teachers, _____; Pupils, ____.

BIBLE CLASSES, _____; Members, ____.

COLLECTIONS. (Stating objects and amounts.)

STATISTICS OF PARISH. See Journal of 1849,—pp. 51-2,—as follows:

Property other than the Church building and lot owned by the Parish,

Amount of indebtedness of the Church of the parish,

Amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive,

Arrears of salary, if any,

CONDENSED REPORT OF THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The present number of clergymen in the Diocese is one hundred and fifty-three.* The number of churches is one hundred and sixty-four.

During the last three years eleven candidates have been admitted to the Diaconate and thirteen Deacons have been ordained Priests. Nineteen churches have been consecrated.

The whole number of persons confirmed since the last report, is *two thousand six hundred and sixty-one*—being an increase of *four hundred and ten* over the number reported in 1850.

The confirmations in 1850-1	were	844
do	do 1851-2	do 790
do	do 1852-3	do 1027
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During the last three years eight parsonages have been erected. The whole number in the Diocese is thirty-two. A great reduction has been effected in the indebtedness of churches—the missionary operations of the Diocese are enlarged. The introduction of District Missionaries, and of Cottage Lectures, marks an auspicious era in these operations. There is satisfaction, also, in recording the organization, since the last report, of the *Brotherhood of the P. E. Church in Philadelphia*, and of the *Episcopal Reading Room and Library Association*—two institutions conducted under the auspices and for the special benefit of young men. There has also been established a *Church Hospital*, which is now in operation with an endowment of nearly \$50,000, besides buildings and a valuable site, which were the donation of two ladies, communicants of the church.

The Rev. George Boyd, D.D., the Rev. William H. Bourns, the Rev. Caleb J. Good, and the Rev. Samuel P. Nash, have departed this life.

* By misprint the number in the last Journal of the General Convention (p 164) is reported as 155. It should have been 147.

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FROM PAROCHIAL REPORTS 1853.

164 *Parishes.*

Of Congregations :

Families from 99 Rep'ts. 6399. Parishes unrep
 Ad's & child. " 61 " 16,592. "
 " Communicants, " 139 " 12,479. "
 " Marriages, " 96 " 821. "
 " Funerals, " 105 " 1226. "
 " Public services, " 101 " 12,400. "
 " S. S. Teachers, " 105 " 1624. "
 " S. S. Scholars, " 110 " 15,064. "
 " Bible class " 37 " 970. "
 " Contributions for benevolent purposes and payment of
 debts, from 105 reports, \$114,989 04.

SCHOLARS.	BIBLE C.	CLASSES.	TEACHERS.
180			
125			
90			
108			
87			
64			
50	1	1	
75			
65			
50			
147	2		
58			
70			
112			
60			
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40			
42			
60			
50			
40	1		
50			
55			
94	1		
36			
58			
73			

THE C

SCHOLARS.	BIBLE CL.		
	CLASSES.	TEACHERS.	SCHOLARS.
180			
125			
90			
108			
87			
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50	1	1	12
75			
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147	2		23
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70			
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42			
60			7
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40	1		13
50			
55			
94	1		10
36			
56			
73			

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NOTICE.

The next Annual Convention of the Church in this Diocese will be held in St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia, on the third Tuesday of May, 1854, at 5 o'clock, P. M.

WM. BACON STEVENS, *Secretary*.

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SEVENTIETH CONVENTION

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church

IN

PENNSYLVANIA,

Held in St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia,

ON TUESDAY, MAY 16th, WEDNESDAY, 17th, THURSDAY,
18th, AND FRIDAY 19th,

1854.

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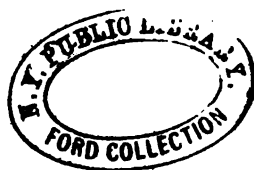
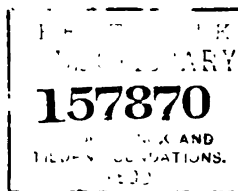
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WHO COMPOSED THIS CONVENTION,

A. D. 1854.

CLERGY.

Rt. Rev. A. Potter, D.D., LL.D.	Rev. Robert Davis,
Rev. Thomas G. Allen,	“ Thomas J. Davis,
“ Charles Arey,	“ Benjamin Dorr, D.D.
“ L. P. W. Balch, D.D.	“ Jacob M. Douglass,
“ Henry H. Bean,	“ Benjamin J. Douglass,
“ Frederick W. Beasley,	“ George C. Drake,
“ Archibald Beatty,	“ Richard B. Duane,
“ A. J. Berger,	“ Henry W. Ducachet, D.D.
“ James Bonnar,	“ George A. Durborow,
“ Samuel Bowman, D.D.	“ Samuel Durborow,
“ Henry Brown,	“ Joseph J. Elsegood,
“ Edward Y. Buchanan,	“ Rees C. Evans,
“ Levi Bull, D.D.	“ George G. Field,
“ De Witt Clinton Byllesby,	“ George C. Foote,
“ John A. Childs,	“ B. Franklin,
“ Samuel A. Clark,	“ John G. Furey,
“ Jehu C. Clay, D.D.	“ Kingston Goddard,
“ Samuel Clements,	“ James B. Goodwin,
“ John Coleman, D.D.	“ Horatio Gray,
“ William C. Cooley,	“ Richard D. Hall,
“ Charles D. Cooper,	“ Anson B. Hard,
“ Nathaniel E. Cornwall,	“ N. Sayre Harris,
“ Thomas Crumpton,	“ G. Emlen Hare, D.D.

Rev. William J. Hilton,	Rev. George Lewis Platt,
“ Marmaduke Hirst,	“ Azariah Prior,
“ M. A. De W. Howe, D.D.	“ Charles W. Quick,
“ William S. Huckel,	“ Samuel Randall,
“ Edward C. Jones,	“ John Rodney,
“ Norris M. Jones,	“ Joshua M. Rodgers,
“ Brian B. Killikelly, D.D.	“ Joel Rudderow,
“ George Kirke,	“ Peter Russell,
“ Edmund Leaf,	“ Gardner M. Skinner,
“ Milton C. Lightner,	“ J. Brinton Smith,
“ John Long,	“ Joseph H. Smith,
“ Samuel T. Lord,	“ Richard Smith,
“ T. B. Lyman,	“ Henry S. Spackman,
“ Milo Mahan,	“ Nathan Stem,
“ A. Augustus Marple,	“ Wm. Bacon Stevens, D.D.
“ John Gordon Maxwell,	“ Joseph A. Stone,
“ Edward Mendenhall,	“ William Suddards,
“ John J. McElhenny,	“ Mortimer R. Talbot,
“ Alexander McLeod,	“ Joseph P. Taylor,
“ Edward Meyer,	“ Richard Temple,
“ G. D. Miles,	“ Anthony Ten Brœck,
“ Daniel S. Miller,	“ C. West Thomson,
“ George Mintzer,	“ Henry Tullidge,
“ Henry E. Montgomery,	“ Richard S. Trapier,
“ Wm. White Montgomery,	“ Peter Van Pelt,
“ B. Wistar Morris,	“ Alexander Varian,
“ Jacob B. Morss,	“ John A. Vaughan, D.D.
“ Henry J. Morton, D.D.	“ George H. Walsh,
“ John K. Murphy,	“ Daniel Washburn,
“ Sylvester Nash,	“ W. E. Webb,
“ G. W. Natt,	“ H. Hastings Weld,
“ Richard Newton, D.D.	“ William White,
“ William H. Odenheimer,	“ F. S. Wiley,
“ Frederick Ogilby,	“ J. P. B. Wilmer,
“ William H. Paddock,	“ Bird Wilson, D.D.
“ R. O. Page,	“ T. W. Winchester,
“ William S. Perkins,	“ Thomas C. Yarnall.

LIST OF LAY DEPUTIES.

John C. Adams,*	N. B. Browne,
James M. Aertsen,	D. J. Bruner,
William L. Alges,	M. B. Broomhall,
Thomas Allibone,	F. R. Brunot,
Peter Appleman,*	Thomas K. Bull,
John L. Arthurs,*	Charles Burk,
Lewis R. Ashhurst,	Joseph Cabot,
Franklin Bacon,	John C. Campbell,
Frederick R. Backus,	S. W. Cannell,
Joseph B. Baker,*	Edward Carpenter,
Peter Baldy,	Wm. Casselberry,
Benjamin F. Bannan,	Thomas M. Charlton,
W. P. Beatty,	Gaylord Church,
John Bilson, Jr.,	John W. Claghorn,
Thomas J. Bigham,*	Henry Colt,
J. Irwin Blakslee,	Wm. W. Cook,
George Blight,	Herman Cope,
Charles Blakiston,	Harry Conrad,
George R. Blakiston,	David Conyngham,
William Buehler,	Richard Clements, M. D.,
S. H. Barrett,*	Orlando Crease,
John Bohlen,	J. C. Cresson,
H. L. Bollman,*	John Cresson,
James C. Booth,*	Wm. P. Cresson,
H. Jones Brooke,	Benjamin Crispin,
Lafayette Brower,	Geo. F. Curwen,
Giles Boulton,	Samuel N. Davies,
Hill Brinton,*	Henry Dewees,*
Lewis Brinton,	David Dick,*
John H. Bringhurst,	John Dick,
H. W. Brinton,*	J. Parker Doane,
Charles Burr, M. D.,	J. P. Donaldson,
James Broderick,*	Wm. W. Downing,
Joseph P. Brolaskey,	Wm. A. Dubosque,

Stephen F. Eagle,*
 Isaac Eckart,
 Henry J. M. Eddy,*
 Wm. Elmslie,
 Robert Elliott,
 Jacob Eshleman,*
 Cadwallader Evans,
 Jesse Evans,*
 Edward Evans,
 R. J. Fisher,
 John Field,
 John Flack,
 Asa L. Foster,
 Wm. Fulton,
 John D. George,
 Joseph Gest,*
 Edward C. Graeff,
 Enoch Gray,
 John Gray,
 Wm. Gries, M. D.,
 Edmund Green,
 J. C. Gunn,
 Thomas C. Hand,
 Daniel Hahan,
 Henry F. Haas,
 John Hack,
 Alex. L. Hayes,
 C. W. Hales, M. D.,
 E. H. Harrison,
 G. L. Harrison,*
 P. E. Hamm,
 T. G. Henderson,*
 James Henderson,
 Amos S. Henderson,
 F. W. Hemsley,
 James Hopkins,*

Samuel Herman,
 Hopewell Hepburn,*
 Wm. A. Hill,*
 Joseph H. Hill,
 Charles M. Hill,*
 R. E. Hobart,
 Joseph Hodgson,
 M. Hodgkinson,*
 Francis Hoskins,
 J. J. Huckel,
 W. C. Huston,
 E. J. Hyatt,
 Isaac Hazlehurst,
 Thomas Humphreys,
 Joseph R. Ingersoll, LL. D.,
 P. F. Jenks, M. D.,
 James Johnson,*
 Morgan Johnson,
 B. F. Johnson,*
 Jonathan Jones,
 Griffith Jones,
 Owen Jones,*
 J. W. Jones, M. D.,
 Wm. P. Johnston,
 John W. Kester,
 Charles R. King,
 Hezekiah King,
 Wm. Kirkham,
 Wm. H. Klapp, M. D.,
 J. F. Knorr,
 J. H. Kuhns,*
 W. C. Kelso,
 John F. Lamb,
 John Lardner,
 John Larkin, Jr.,
 James R. Lambdin,

John Lambert,
 Lawrence Lewis,
 A. K. Lewis,*
 E. W. Lehman,
 Samuel Lewis, M. D.,
 Charles E. Lex,
 Wm. Letford,
 John S. Littell,
 Newton Lightner,
 P. E. Lightner,
 A. W. Loomis,*
 Wm. F. Logan,*
 George Lowen,
 Charles H. Mann,
 D. K. Marchand,
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 E. Mitchell,
 Anthony Miskey,
 John C. Montgomery,
 James Moore,*
 Robert M. Moore,*
 John Moffitt,
 J. Moss,*
 J. D. Mendenhall,
 David Morgan,
 John Mathers,
 Edward W. Mumford,
 T. D. Mutter, M. D.,
 J. H. McBride,*
 James S. McCalla,
 James A. McCrea, M. D.,
 B. F. McDonald,*
 J. C. McDonald,*
 John McKay,*
 Alex. McLeester,

Matthew McPaul,
 Major McVeagh,
 Huston Nichols,*
 Albert Nicholson,
 H. K. B. Ogle,
 S. A. Ogier, M. D.,
 Edward W. Payne,
 Asa Packer,*
 E. Owen Parry,
 Benjamin Parke,
 Samuel D. Patterson,
 Albert G. Paxon,
 James M. Patton,
 George W. Peace,
 H. P. Pierce,*
 David Planks,
 C. T. Platt,
 Fred. W. Porter,
 Joseph Potts,*
 Thomas H. Powers,
 J. M. Poor,*
 Daniel Pyle,
 Robert Ralston,
 Abel Reed,
 Joseph S. Riley, Jr.,
 Thomas Robins,
 Wm. S. Ross,*
 Andrew Russell,
 Benjamin S. Russell,
 Z. H. Russel,
 C. S. Rutter,*
 J. P. Rutter,*
 R. J. Rutter,
 Isaac Sansom,*
 Wm. H. Sayre,*
 Charles L. Scott,

Edward Shippen,
 Wm. Sharpe,
 Isaac Shepherd,
 George Simons,
 Samuel Shafer,*
 S. H. Shannon,*
 D. Sharwood,
 Joseph Slack,*
 James S. Smith,
 J. R. C. Smith,
 Jacob L. Smith,
 Richard S. Smith,
 Levi B. Smith,
 C. S. Smith,*
 Aubrey H. Smith,
 R. K. Smith, M. D.,
 James Smithers,*
 R. G. Stokesbury,
 J. L. Stichter,
 Cornelius Stevenson,
 Truman Stone,
 Wm. Stavely,
 Elias Stanton,
 G. M. Stroud,
 Aaron Steward,*
 George Swift,
 Samuel Swift,*
 Isaac A. Shepherd
 C. P. Talbot,
 M. Russell Thayer,
 Lewis Thatcher,*
 James G. Thackara,
 Thomas Thompson,
 Samuel Thomas, M. D.,
 B. H. Thorpe,*

Wm. Trainer,*
 Thomas R. Trimble,
 John Tucker,
 John Turner,*
 John K. Vallance,*
 John Vance,*
 Joseph Vandergrift,*
 Henry M. Watts,
 H. J. Walters,*
 Tobias Wagner,
 Wm. Waterhouse,
 Samuel Wagner,
 Wm. Webb,
 H. J. Webb,
 Arthur Wells,
 Wm. Wills,
 Allen W. Wills,*
 David Wilmot,*
 Peter Williamson,
 A. P. Wilson,
 F. M. Williams,*
 W. H. Wilson,
 Francis Wharton,
 G. M. Wharton,
 Benjamin Whittington,
 Samuel A. Whitaker,*
 Wm. H. Woodward,
 Charles B. Wright,
 Wm. Welsh,
 Rees Welsh,
 C. P. Wurtz,*
 John K. Wucherer,
 Ellis Yarnall,
 Samuel Yocom.

Those whose names are marked thus * were not present at the Convention.

LIST OF THE CONGREGATIONS APPOINTING

DELEGATES TO THIS CONVENTION.

Alleghany County.—Trinity church, city of Pittsburgh, A. W. Loomis, Hopewell Hepburn, A. Kirke Lewis.

St. Andrew's church, city of Pittsburgh. H. L. Bollman, Joseph H. Hill.

St. Paul's church, Pittsburgh. John C. Arthurs, William L. Alges.

St. James' church, Pittsburgh. Matthew Hodgkinson, Walter P. Marshall, Felix R. Brunot.

Grace church, Mt. Washington. George Lowen, Thomas J. Bigham, A. Kirke Lewis.

Armstrong County.—Trinity church, Freeport. William F. Logan.

Berks County.—St. Gabriel's church, Morlattan. Daniel Pyle, Lafayette Brower, Samuel Yocom.

Christ church, Reading. Dr. William Gries, Isaac Eckart, Jos. L. Stichter.

St. Thomas' church, Morgantown.—Levi B. Smith, David Planks, David Morgan.

Bradford County.—Christ church, Towanda. David Wilmot, John C. Adams, Benjamin S. Russell.

Bucks County.—St. James the Greater church, Bristol. James Johnson, J. D. Mendenhall, H. King.

St. Luke's church, Newtown. P. Frederick Jenks, M. D., John Cresson.

Grace church, Hulmeville. William Elmslie, Samuel Swift, Edward G. Harrison.

Trinity church, Centreville. William Stavely, Albert G. Paxon.
 St. Paul's church, Doylestown. Charles H. Mann, J. P. Bro-
 laskey, E. Mitchell Cornell.

Carbon County.—St. Mark's church, Mauch Chunk. Asa
 Packer, William H. Sayre, J. Irwin Blakslee.

St. Philip's church, Summit Hill. Asa L. Foster, James Brode-
 rick, William Sharpe.

Chester County.—St. Peter's Church, Great Valley. John
 Tucker, Cadwallader Evans.

St. John's church, New London township. Joseph Hodgson,
 Benjamin F. McDonald, John C. McDonald.

St. Mary's church, Warwick township. Samuel Shafer, Thos.
 K. Bull, Jesse Evans.

St. John's church, Pequea. Thomas G. Henderson, A. S. Hen-
 derson, James Hopkins.

St. Paul's church, West Whiteland township. Jonathan Jones,
 S. A. Ogier, M. D., Thomas R. Trimble.

St. Mark's Church, Honeybrook. Caleb P. Talbot, Rees
 Welsh.

Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester. Lewis Brinton,
 M. B. Broomhall, George W. Pearce.

St. Peter's church, Phoenixville. Major McVeagh, Dendy
 Sharwood, Samuel A. Whittaker.

St. James' church, Downingtown. William H. Wilson, W. W.
 Downing, Allan W. Wills.

St. James' church, West Marlboro'. Thomas M. Charlton,
 John Bilson, Jr., Huston Nicholas.

Columbia County.—St. Paul's church, Bloomsburg. Peter
 Appleman, John Vance.

Crawford County.—Christ church, Meadville. John Dick,
 Gaylord Church, David Dick.

Dauphin County.—St. Stephen's church, Harrisburg. Wm.
 P. Beatty, Benjamin Parke, William Buehler.

Delaware County.—St. Paul's church, Chester. John Larkins,
 Jr., Morgan Johnson, Lewis Thatcher.

St. Martin's church, Lower Chichester township, Marcus Hook.
William Trainer, B. F. Johnson, John Gray.

St. David's church, Newtown township, Radnor. H. Jones
Brooke, Thomas Humphrey, John Mather.

St. John's church, Concord township. Hill Brinton, Henry W.
Brinton, Joseph Gest.

Calvary church, Rockdale. Richard S. Smith, John Fields,
Robert Elliott.

Erie County.—**St. Paul's church**, Erie. Charles B. Wright,
William P. Johnston, William C. Kelso.

Fayette County.—**Trinity church**, Connelsville. William A.
Hill.

Huntingdon County.—**St. John's church**, Huntingdon. A. P.
Wilson.

Lancaster County.—**St. James' church**, Lancaster. Alex. L.
Hayes, Newton Lightner, James G. Thackara.

Christ church, Leacock. Richard J. Rutter, Peter E. Light-
ner, Joseph Slack.

All Saints' church, Paradise. Joseph B. Baker, David Conyng-
ham, Jacob Eshleman.

St. Paul's church, Columbia. Stephen F. Eagle, D. J. Bruner.
St. John's church, Marietta. Stephen F. Eagle.

Luzerne County.—**St. Stephen's church**, Wilkesbarre. Henry
Colt, John K. Vallance, William S. Ross.

Trinity church, Carbondale. Charles P. Wurts, H. S. Pierce,
J. M. Poor.

St. Luke's church, Scranton. B. H. Thorpe, George Swift.

Lycoming County.—**St. James' church**, Muncy. William W.
Cooke, John Hack, James Henderson.

Mifflin County.—**St. Mark's church**, Lewistown. H. J. Wal-
ters, Dr. C. W. Hales, James Smithers.

Montgomery County.—**St. James' church**, Perkiomen township.
William Casselberry, Edward Evans.

St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh township. Dr. James A. McCrea, Charles Burk.

St. John's church, Norristown. Griffith Jones, William Wills, Henry J. Eddy.

Christ Church, Pottstown. R. E. Hobart, Joseph Potts, J. P. Rutter.

The Church of the Redeemer, Lower Merion. Owen Jones, George T. Curwen, Isaac Hazelhurst.

Montour County.—Christ church, Danville. Daniel Hahn, Peter Baldy, John Turner.

Philadelphia City and County.—Christ church, Philadelphia. William M. Meredith, James C. Booth, Henry M. Watts.

St. Peter's church, Philadelphia. Joseph R. Ingersoll, James S. Smith, Lawrence Lewis.

St. Paul's church, Philadelphia. John D. George, Richard G. Stotesbury, Samuel N. Davies.

St. James' church, Philadelphia. George M. Wharton, Joseph Cabot, Ellis Yarnall.

St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia. C. Stevenson, T. Robins, J. Bohlen.

St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia. Tobias Wagner, William Kirkham, Edward Shippen.

Grace church, Philadelphia. Hernan Cope, John W. Claghofn, Francis Hoskins.

Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia. Lewis R. Ashhurst, F. W. Porter, Thomas H. Powers.

Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia. Samuel Lewis, M. D., F. W. Hemsley, M. Russell Thayer.

St. Luke's church, Philadelphia. William Welsh, James M. Aertsen, George L. Harrison.

Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia. John C. Cresson, William C. Houston, Thomas C. Hand.

St. Mark's church, Philadelphia. Thomas D. Mutter, M. D., S. W. Cannell, Clayton T. Platt.

Church of the Mediator, Philadelphia. Edward Carpenter, Richard Clements, M. D., William H. Woodward.

St. John's church, Northern Liberties. R. M. Moore, James M. Patton, William Letford.

Advent church, Northern Liberties. Abel Reed, Frederick R. Backus, Anthony Miskey.

St. Matthew's church, Francisville. John Lambert, James S. McCalla, George M. Stroud.

St. Philip's church, Spring Garden. Harry Conrad, William P. Cresson, William Webb.

Church of the Nativity, Spring Garden. Thomas Thompson, Charles E. Lex, J. J. Huckel.

Church of the Redemption, Spring Garden. J. R. C. Smith, William Waterhouse, E. T. Hyatt.

St. Jude's church, Spring Garden. Edward W. Mumford, Edward W. Payne, Jacob L. Smith.

Emmanuel church, Kensington. J. P. Donaldson, James H. McBride, Isaac Shepherd.

Church of the Messiah, Port Richmond. Edward C. Graeff, Matthew McPaul, John Moffitt.

Zion church, South Penn township. John H. Bringhurst, Benjamin Whittington, William Fulton.

Trinity church, Southwark. Peter Williamson, Clement S. Rutter, William H. Klapp, M. D.

Church of the Evangelists, Southwark. Giles Boulton, William A. Dubosque, Isaac Sansom.

Gloria Dei church, Southwark. John McKay, Dr. J. W. Jones, Alexander McLeester.

All Saints' church, Moyamensing. James Moore, John C. Montgomery, Arthur Wells.

St. Luke's church, Germantown. John S. Littell, Cornelius S. Smith, James R. Lambdin.

Christ church, Germantown. P. E. Hamm, Charles L. Scott, E. W. Lehman.

St. David's church, Manayunk. Samuel Wagner, H. R. B. Ogle, Orlando Crease.

St. James the Less church, North Penn township. Robert Ralston, George Blight, J. Parker Doane.

Church of the Resurrection, Rising Sun. John F. Lamb.

Trinity church, Oxford township. Edmund Green.

All Saints' church, Lower Dublin township. Joseph Vandegrift, Henry Dewees, Charles R. King, M. D.

Emmanuel Church, Holmesburg. S. H. Barrett, J. K. Wucherer, B. Crispin.

St. Mark's church, Frankford. John W. Kester, John Lardner, Francis Wharton.

St. Mary's church, West Philadelphia. Thomas Allibone, Franklin Bacon, N. B. Browne.

St. James' church, Kingsessing. Aubrey H. Smith, Robert K. Smith, M. D., Samuel Thomas, M. D.

St. Andrew's church, West Philadelphia. George R. Blakiston, Charles Blakiston.

Trinity church, Maylandville. J. S. Riley, Jr., J. Francis Knorr, Enoch Gray.

Schuylkill County.—Trinity church, Pottsville. Edward Owen Parry, Andrew Russell, Benjamin F. Bannan.

St. James' church, Schuylkill Haven. Charles M. Hill, S. D. Patterson, S. H. Shannon.

Zion church, Tuscarora. Henry F. Haas.

Susquehanna County.—St. Mark's church, New Milford. J. Moss.

St. Paul's church, Montrose. H. J. Webb, Truman Stone, F. M. Williams.

Wayne County.—Grace church, Honesdale. Z. H. Russell, J. C. Gunn, Elias Stanton.

St. John's church, Salem. Charles Burr, M. D., Albert Nicholson.

Zion church, Sterling township. George Simons.

Westmoreland County.—Christ church, Greensburg. David K. Marchand, Joseph H. Kuhns, Aaron Steward.

York County.—St. John's church, York. Robert J. Fisher, John G. Campbell, Samuel Herman.

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PHILADELPHIA, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, }
Tuesday, May 16th, A. D., 1854, 5 o'clock, P. M. }

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, the Rt. Rev. Alonzo Potter, D.D., L.L.D., Bishop of the Diocese, with several clergymen and lay deputies, attended at St. Andrew's Church.

The Bishop having taken the Chair, the Convention proceeded to organize.

A list of the Clergy entitled to seats, prepared by the Bishop, was called over by the Secretary, when the following answered to their names, and took their seats, viz :

Rt. Rev. Alonzo Potter, D. D., L.L. D.,	Rev. Charles Cooper,
Rev. Thomas G. Allen.	" Nathaniel E. Cornwall,
" L. P. W. Balch, D. D.	" Robert Davis,
" Henry H. Bean,	" Jacob M. Douglass,
" Archibald Beatty,	" Benjamin J. Douglass,
" Henry Brown,	" George C. Drake,
" Edward Y. Buchanan,	" Richard B. Duane,
" Levi Bull, D. D.	" Henry W. Ducachet, D. D.
" De Witt Clinton Byllesby,	" George A. Durberow,
" John A. Childs,	" Samuel Durberow,
" Samuel A. Clark,	" George G. Field,
" John C. Clay, D. D.	" B. Franklin,
" Samuel Clements,	" John G. Furey,
" John Coleman, D. D.	" Kingston Goddard,

Rev. Richard D. Hall,	Rev. Frederick Ogilby,
" Anson B. Hard,	" Wm. H. Paddock,
" G. Emlen Hare, D. D.	" George Lewis Platt,
" William J. Hilton,	" Samuel Randall,
" Marmaduke Hirst,	" Joshua M. Rodgers,
" M. A. De Wolfe Howe, D. D.	" Joel Rodderow,
" William S. Huckel,	" Peter Russell,
" Edward C. Jones,	" Gardner M. Skinner,
" George Kirke,	" J. Brinton Smith,
" Milton C. Lightner,	" Joseph H. Smith,
" John Long,	" Richard Smith,
" A. Augustus Marple,	" Henry S. Spackman,
" John Gordon Maxwell,	" Nathan Stem,
" Edward Mendenhall,	" Wm. Bacon Stevens, D. D.
" John J. McElhenny,	" Joseph A. Stone,
" Alexander McLeod,	" William Soddards,
" Edward Meyer,	" C. West Thomson,
" G. D. Miles,	" Henry Tullidge,
" Daniel S. Miller,	" Richard S. Trapier,
" George Mintzer,	" Peter Van Pelt,
" Wm. White Montgomery,	" John A. Vaughan, D. D.
" B. Wistar Morris,	" George H. Walsh,
" Jacob E. Morris,	" Daniel Washburn,
" Henry J. Morton, D. D.	" W. E. Webb,
" Sylvester Nash,	" H. Hastings Weld,
" G. W. Natt,	" F. S. Wiley,
" Richard Newton, D. D.	" J. P. B. Wilmer,
" William H. Odenheimer,	" Thomas C. Yarnall.

The following lay deputies presented certificates of their appointment in the form prescribed by Canon, and their names being recorded and called, they answered and took their seats, viz :

James M. Aertsen,	J. B. Baker,	J. P. Brolaskey,
Thomas Allibone,	Benj. F. Bannan,	C. Blakiston,
Wm. L. Algeo,	John Bilson, Jr.,	N. B. Browne,
John E. Arthurs,	LaFayette Brower,	G. Irwin Blakalee,
Lewis R. Ashhurst,	John Bohlen,	Thomas K. Bull,
Franklin Bacon,	M. B. Broomhall,	Giles Boulton,
Frederick R. Backus,	John H. Bringhurst,	Joseph Cabot,
Peter Baldy,	Geo. R. Blakiston,	Edward Carpenter,

Thomas M. Charlton,	William C. Kelso,	J. L. Stichter,
G. Church,	John W. Kester,	Truman Stone,
Henry Colt,	William H. Klapp, M. D.	Cornelius S. Smith,
John W. Claghorn,	William Kirkham,	C. L. Scott,
Richard Clements, M. D.	James R. Lambdin,	Elias Stanton,
Herman Cope,	John F. Lamb,	Aubrey H. Smith,
John C. Cresson,	Charles E. Lex,	Evans Sheeler,
W. P. Cresson,	Lawrence Lewis,	George M. Stroud,
W. W. Cooke,	William Letford,	James S. Smith,
Harry Conrad,	Samuel Lewis, M. D.,	Jacob L. Smith,
Pierce Crosby,	John S. Littell,	Levi B. Smith,
David Conyngham,	Newton Lightner,	J. R. C. Smith,
Orlando Crease,	William M. Meredith,	George Swift,
Samuel N. Davies,	Charles H. Mann,	William Stavely,
David Dick,	J. D. Mendenhall,	Cornelius Stevenson,
J. P. Doane,	Anthony Miskey,	M. Russell Thayer,
Jacob P. Donaldson,	John C. Montgomery,	Thomas R. Trimble,
William W. Downing,	David Morgan,	James G. Thackara,
Stephen F. Eagle,	Edward W. Mumford,	Samuel Thomas,
Robert J. Fisher,	James S. McCalla,	Thomas Thompson,
William Fulton,	Matthew McPaul,	H. J. Wakers,
John Flack,	Major McVeah,	Henry M. Watta,
W. Greis,	Huston Nichols,	Frederick Watta,
J. C. Gunn,	Edward Owen Parry,	Tobias Wagner,
J. D. George,	A. S. Paxton,	Henry J. Webb,
A. L. Hayea,	Edwin W. Payne,	William Webb,
Thomas C. Hand,	David Plank,	William Welsh,
E. G. Harrison,	S. D. Patterson,	William Waterhouse,
Joseph H. Hill,	George W. Pearce,	Arthur Wells,
David Holmes,	Thomas H. Powers,	William Wills,
Francis Hoskins,	R. Ralston,	Peter Williamson,
F. W. Helmsley,	Abel Reud,	Andrew P. Wilson,
P. E. Hamm,	Thomas Robins,	Francis Wharton,
S. Herman,	William Ridings,	George M. Wharton,
William C. Houston,	Z. H. Russell,	Benj. Whittington,
Morgan Johnson,	William Sharpe,	William H. Woodward,
James Johnson,	Isaac Shepherd,	Ellis Yarnall,
Jonathan Jones,	Samuel G. Shoemaker,	Samuel Yocum.

The Convention then proceeded to choose a Secretary and Assistant Secretary.

The Rev. Wm. Bacon Stevens, D. D., was nominated for the office of Secretary ; there being no other nomina-

tion, the balloting was dispensed with, and he was thereupon duly elected *viva voce*.

Francis Wharton, a lay deputy from St. Mark's Church, Frankford, Philadelphia, was then nominated for the office of Assistant Secretary; and there being no other nomination, he was, in like manner, duly elected Assistant Secretary.

Whereupon the Bishop announced that the Rev. Dr. Stevens had been duly elected Secretary of the Convention, and Francis Wharton Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary then read the Rules of Order from the Revised Regulations, as follows :

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with a form of prayer prescribed by the Bishop.

2. When the president takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the service of the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall rise from his seat, and without advancing, shall, with due respect, address himself to the president, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house.

6. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the house, and shall not be again drawn into debate, during the same session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the house.

7. While the president is putting any question, no one shall hold private discourse, stand up, walk into, out of, or across the house, or read any book.

8. Every member who shall be in the house when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be particularly interested in the decision.

9. No motion shall be considered before the house, unless it be seconded, and reduced to writing when required.

10. When any question is before the house, it shall be determined on before anything new is introduced, except the question for adjournment.

11. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken before any other, and without debate.

12. When the house is to rise, every member shall keep his seat, until the president leave the chair.

13. These Revised Regulations and Rules of Order shall not, at any time, be suspended, unless by a vote of two-thirds of the members present; nor shall any of them be rescinded except upon one day's notice of an intention to move for their abolishment.

On motion of the Secretary, it was *Resolved*, that the House shall hold two Sessions every day, viz: from 9 o'clock, A. M., to 2 o'clock, P. M., and from 5 o'clock, P. M., to 7 o'clock, P. M., provided that it shall not meet on Wednesday morning until 10 o'clock.

It was also *Resolved*, That Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church belonging to this Diocese, and not entitled to seats in the Convention; and Clergymen not belonging to this Diocese; and Clergymen of the Church of England or of her colonies; and Students of Divinity

of the Episcopal Church, now in this city, be admitted to the sittings of this Convention.

The following Committees were then, on motion, appointed—the members being named by the Bishop, viz :

Committee on Charters.—Rev. Dr. Clay, Rev. Messrs. Goddard and Lightner, and Messrs. Meredith, Hayes and Fisher.

Committee on Unfinished Business.—Rev. Messrs. Rodney, Bean and Mintzer.

Committee on Claims of Clergymen to Seats.—Rev. Messrs. Suddards, Wilmer and Thomson.

Committee on Claims of Lay Deputies to Seats.—Messrs. Church, Watts and Dumont.

The Convention then adjourned.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, }
Wednesday, May 17th, 10 A. M. }

The Convention assembled and attended Divine Service. The morning prayer was read by the Rev. J. J. McIlhenny, assisted by the Rev. Milton C. Lightner, who read the Lessons. The Litany was read by the Rev. George Mintzer, and the Ante-Communion by the Bishop; after which the Sermon was preached by the Rev. J. Brinton Smith, from Mark xvi. 15. The Holy Communion was then administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Mintzer and Lightner.

The Convention was called to order after Service.—The roll was then called, and the minutes of yesterday P. M. read and approved.

The following Clergymen, entitled to seats, and not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats, viz :

Rev. J. J. Elsegood,
 " N. Sayre Harris,
 " Edmund Leaf,
 " T. B. Lyman,
 " J. K. Murphy,
 " R. O. Page,
 " Azariah Prior,
 " Jno. Rodney.

Rev. Wm. White,
 " T. W. Winchester,
 " F. W. Beasley,
 " Jas. Bonnar,
 " Samuel Bowman, D. D.
 " Thomas Crumpton,
 " Thomas J. Davis.

And the following Lay Deputies :

William Buehler,	J. Henderson,	H. K. B. Ogle,
Lewis Brinton,	R. E. Hobart,	B. Parke,
Charles Burr,	Jos. Hodgson,	F. W. Porter,
Charles Burk,	F. Hoskins,	B. S. Russell,
D. J. Bruner,	W. C. Huston,	J. P. Rutter,
S. W. Cannell,	E. F. Hyatt,	Edward Shippen,
John Cresson,	A. S. Henderson,	George Simons,
Wm. A. Dubosque,	C. K. King,	R. K. Smith,
Isaac Eckart,	J. Larkin, Jr.,	C. P. Talbot,
Wm. Elmslie,	George Lowen,	John Tucker,
Cadwallader Evans,	Alex. McLeester,	Samuel Wagner.
Edmund Green,	A. Nicholson,	

In conformity with the resolution of invitation adopted yesterday, the following Clergymen appeared and were admitted to the sessions of the Convention :

Rev. C. F. McRae,	Rev. Aaron Christman,
" Jas. A. Woodward,	" Samuel Starr,
" B. S. Huntington,	" D. Huntington,
" E. Lounsberry,	" H. W. Woods,
" Wm. H. Cooper,	" C. C. Townsend,
" C. M. Dupuy,	" A. G. Mercer,
" Daniel Kendig,	" S. C. Brinckle,
" John Williamson,	" S. C. Stratton,
" William Douglass,	" D. A. Tyng,
" Asa S. Colton,	" Erastus DeWolf,
" Wm. H. Brooks,	" E. H. M. Baker.
" Edmund Roberts,	

The Bishop then delivered his Annual Address, as follows :—

ADDRESS.

BRETHREN OF THE CONVENTION :

During the last year I have officiated at one hundred and thirty different places and on two hundred and fifteen different occasions. These services have been extended to all our parishes that are in actual operation except twenty-five. The rite of confirmation has been administered on one hundred occasions to nine hundred and sixty persons. Seven churches have been consecrated, five of which are at points where our services have been recently introduced. Four corner-stones have also been laid. Thirteen young men have been received as candidates for the ministry, seven candidates have been ordained to the Diaconate, and four Deacons have been advanced to the Priesthood.

I have also baptized eight children, solemnized seven marriages, and officiated at three funerals. On one hundred and seventy-five occasions of public worship I have preached; and I have administered the Holy Communion sixteen times.

Since we last met, death has made breaches in the ranks of our clergy and laity, which we shall long have occasion to deplore. The Rev. James H. Fowles, Rector of the Church of the Epiphany in this city—a man of God, who, as an earnest, able and accomplished preacher of the Gospel, had few superiors, and, as a Christian pastor and friend, few equals—has recently been called away in the meridian of his usefulness after a protracted illness. The Rev. Freeman Lane, for many years a Presbyter of this Diocese, and at the time of his death the esteemed Rector of Christ Church, Huntingdon, Adams county, fell a victim to a malignant epidemic in August last. In this city and elsewhere the destroyer has been busy among laymen whose devotion to our Church and to the claims of philanthropy, and whose exemplary private lives will be long and fondly remembered. May their example stimulate others to go and do likewise. There has rarely been more need, in our Church, of pious, efficient and large-hearted laymen to carry forward plans of beneficence which multiply rapidly around us, and on which we may expect the Divine blessing only as they are conceived in a spirit of humble dependence on God, and are aided by the counsels and earnest co-operation of the lay members of our communion.

The clerical force of the Diocese has also been reduced by the removal of eight of our brethren to other portions of the Church, and by the deposition from the ministry of one Presbyter who had avowed his intention to join the Church of Rome. Their places have been supplied by twelve clergymen who have been received from other Dioceses, and by six Deacons who have been ordained in this Diocese within the past year—two of them under the Canon (entitled “of Deacons” and numbered VII. of 1853,) which was passed at the last meeting of the General Convention.

The whole number of clergymen now resident canonically in the Diocese is one hundred and sixty-one—being an increase of six upon the number reported last year. Of these three are Missionaries on the Coast of Africa, two are permanently established in California, one has been employed for the last two years as a Missionary in Oregon, and one is destined for the same work in South America. Of the residue, eleven are entirely or partially disabled by physical disease or advanced years, four are occupied as Principals or Professors in Seminaries of learning, one is a chaplain in the Navy and two are without cures :—so that the whole number regularly engaged in parish work may be set down at one hundred and thirty-five.

Of these thirteen are also actively engaged in teaching the higher branches of learning; and it may serve to convey to us some conception of the influence—almost unobserved—which a few clergymen in this Diocese are exerting upon the education of the young, when I state that there are not less than five hundred children and youth of both sexes, who are pursuing, under their immediate auspices, the more advanced studies of an English and classical course. If to these we add those who are instructed by lay members in schools established in connection with our communion, and the much larger number who, in parochial schools, are imbibing the elements of sacred and secular knowledge, we shall perceive that the Church in this Diocese is not entirely idle in the work of Christian education. Add to this the fact that more than fifteen thousand children are enrolled as attending upon our Sunday Schools, and we shall find reason to bless God who has inclined the hearts of His ministers and people to give themselves so willingly and at such great expense of time and labor to the nurture of the young.

The clergymen who have removed are :

To Delaware, the Rev. George Sheets and the Rev. J. B. Clemson.

To New Jersey, the Rev. Samuel Cowell, the Rev. James L. Maxwell, the Rev. J. Henry Black and the Rev. William F. Bryant.

To Virginia, the Rev. D. J. Henderson, (Deacon).

To Connecticut, the Rev. O. E. Shannon.

The clergyman who has been *deposed* is the Rev. Dwight E. Lyman.

The clergymen who have been received are :

From Maryland, the Rev. A. Ten Brœck, the Rev. A. J. Berger, the Rev. William H. Clark and the Rev. Hanson T. Wilcoxson.

From Massachusetts, the Rev. Henry W. Woods.

From New Jersey, the Rev. E. P. Wright.

From New York, the Rev. R. H. Bourne, Rev. Edward Lounsbery and the Rev. Alex. G. Mercer.

From Ohio, the Rev. Dudley A. Tyng.

St. Andrew's, West Philadelphia,	- - - - -	\$ 4 00.
St. Mark's, Mauch Chunk,	- - - - -	10 00
St. Phillip's, Summit,	- - - - -	10 00
St. Paul's, Montrose,	- - - - -	10 00
St. Stephen's, a member,	- - - - -	3 50
St. Matthew's, Sunbury,	- - - - -	2 50
St. Mark's, Northumberland,	- - - - -	4 05
St. Paul's, Chester,	- - - - -	10 00
Messiah, Port Richmond,	- - - - -	8 25
St. Paul's, Wellsboro',	- - - - -	10 00
St. Andrew's, Pittsburgh,	- - - - -	21 00
St. James', Muncy,	- - - - -	2 16
St. Paul's, Columbia,	- - - - -	6 63
Trinity, Pottsville,	- - - - -	21 25
Christ, Danville,	- - - - -	7 00
St. Mark's, Philadelphia,	- - - - -	121 00

In several instances the destination of these donations was indicated by the contributing parishes. The balance will be divided equally between the congregations named in the Pastoral Letter in which the contributions were requested.

CONFIRMATIONS.

Alleghany County.—St. James' church, Pittsburgh, 13; St. Andrew's, Pittsburgh, 10; St. Luke's, Chartier's Creek, 12; St. Peter's, Pittsburgh, 19; Trinity church, Pittsburgh, 19; Christ church, Alleghany city, 6; St. Paul's, Pittsburgh, 4.

Berks County.—St. Michael's, Birdsboro', 15; Christ church, Reading, 17.

Bradford County.—St. Matthew's, Pike, 5; Christ church, Towanda, 4; Trinity church, Athens, 1.

Bucks County.—St. Luke's, Newton, 5; Grace church, Hulmeville, 7; Trinity church, Centreville, 2; St. Paul's, Doylestown, 1.

Carbon County.—St. Mark's, Mauch Chunk, 6; St. Philip's, Summit Hill, 4.

Chester County.—St. Peter's, Great Valley, 4; St. Peter's, Phoenixville, 10; St. James, Downingtown, 9; St. Paul's, West Whiteland, 1; Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester, 8.

Columbia County.—St. James, Derry, 3; St. Paul's, Bloomsburg, 5.

Crawford County.—Christ church, Meadville, 14 (two being from the Rev. Mr. Lord's mission).

Dauphin County.—St. Stephen's, Harrisburg, 7.

Delaware County.—St. Martin's, Marcus Hook, 4.

Erie County.—St. Paul's, Erie, 14.

Fayette County.—Christ church, Brownsville, 2; St. Peter's, Uniontown, 5.

Lancaster County.—St. James, Lancaster, 1; St. Paul's, Columbia, 2.

Luzerne County.—St. Stephen's, Wilkesbarre, 5; Trinity church, Carbondale, 3; St. Luke's, Scranton, 2.

Lycoming County.—Christ church, Williamsport, 4.

Montgomery County.—Christ church, Pottstown, 3; Swedes' church, Upper Merion, 9; St. John's, Norristown, 4.

Montour County.—Christ church, Danville, 11.

Northumberland County.—St. Matthew's, Sunbury, 3; St. Mark's, Northumberland, 7.

Philadelphia County.—St. Mark's, Philadelphia, at three Confirmations, 61; Church of the Epiphany, 23; Church of the Atonement, 16; St. Philip's, Spring Garden, 28; Church of the Evangelists, Southwark, 20; St. Thomas', 10; Zion church, Kensington, 3; St. Luke's, Germantown, 7; Church of the Redeemer (Floating Chapel), 7; All Saints', Lower Dublin, 8; St. Mark's, Frankford (two Confirmations), 32; Emmanuel church, Holmesburg, 8; Church of the Mediator, 21; St. Andrew's, West Philadelphia, 11; St. Peter's, at three Confirmations, 39; All Saints', Moyamensing, 24; Church of the Ascension, 12; Church of the Advent, 16; Church of the Redemption, Fairmount, 17; St. James', Kingsessing, at two Confirmations, 16; Trinity church, Southwark, 9 (3 at St. Peter's); *Calvary church*, (Monumental), 19; Gloria Dei church, 7; St. John's, N. L., 13; St. Jude's, N. L., 1; St. Mary's, West Philadelphia, 8; Grace church, 19; St. Luke's, 25; St. Paul's, 26—(one being from the Floating Chapel); Church of the Nativity, 23; St. James', 14; St. David's, Manayunk, 20; St. Andrew's, 21; Church of our Saviour (Mission), 13; Emmanuel church, Kensington, 19.

Schuylkill County.—Zion church, Tuscarora, 2; Calvary church, Tamaqua, 4; Trinity church, Pottsville, 18; St. James', Schuylkill Haven, 4.

Susquehanna County.—St. Mark's, New Milford, 2.

Tioga County.—St. Paul's, Wellsboro', 10.

Wayne County.—Grace church, Honesdale, 11; St. John's, Salem.

York County.—St. John's, York, 3. Total, 960.

The instability of the pastoral relation is still apparent, not only in the removing of clergymen from one Diocese to another, but in the many changes which take place within the same Diocese. Twenty-five of our parishes have suffered the loss of their minister or assistant minister, since we last met. The evil becomes still more evident and alarming in proportion as we observe its aggregate effect after a series of years. It is

now less than nine years since I was first charged with the oversight of this Diocese, and during that time, if we except the parishes in Philadelphia county, there are but twelve in the whole Diocese out of more than one hundred which have not lost their pastor once, twice or thrice. That the changes in Philadelphia have been vastly less seems to prove that inadequacy of support is the main, though certainly not the only cause of these constant and deplorable vicissitudes. In such a condition of things it is only wonderful that our progress has not been entirely arrested. It argues much for the hold which our church has upon the good will of those without, as it is most creditable to the zeal of those within, that, during the same brief period, more than fifty churches have been erected, most of which are at points not occupied before. But, with such openings before us, what might we not achieve if we had a stable ministry, animated by the consciousness that they have the cordial support of a generous and considerate laity? How many new enterprizes would then be conceived and inaugurated, and once begun, how many of them would command early success under the guidance of the same minds and hands that originated them! Here is a consummation which we ought to keep steadily in view, and which we can reach in due time, if the clergy and laity set their hearts upon it. The former should take positions with the resolute purpose of giving them a full trial and of submitting, if need be, to a large measure of privation and self-denial. They must consider that in many a new parish the burden of their support falls almost entirely on a small number of persons of limited means, and they surely ought to be behind none in their economy and thrift, or in their willingness to make sacrifices for Christ and His Church. Where there is ability but not the will to support them properly, they should strive by affectionate zeal and devotion to their spiritual functions to warm their people into sympathy, or shame them into consideration; that, so they may be moved to watch over the temporal comfort of their minister with something of the same wakeful solicitude with which it is his pride to watch over the souls which are entrusted to him. And, on the other hand, ought not a congregation to receive him who is over them in the Lord as a *permanent* Pastor and Guide—not as a transient visitor who comes to be the object of their captious criticisms or the victim of their unrelenting parsimony? Ought they not to resolve from the beginning that it shall not be their fault if his heart is not moved and his hands encouraged to attempt great things for God, and for the people more immediately committed to his charge? Ought they not, by delicate and thoughtful consideration for his material wants and for those of his family, and by the recognition of his many trials and perplexities,—by such means ought they not to give him constant assurance that his every effort is observed and appreciated, and that their fond desire is that their interests and his shall be lastingly

identified? Thus assured that there is mutual affection and a common devotion to the great ends of the ministry, pastor and people will provoke one another more and more to love and good works. Not only within his own parish but far beyond its limits the clergyman will be glad to do good, as he has opportunity; and he will find a generous people ready to encourage and assist his every effort to minister in the word and sacraments as the Lord hath commanded and as this Church hath received the same.

The necessity of a larger provision for the support of the clergy—occasioned as well by the increased expense of living as by the inadequacy of that support in past times—is a subject which must press more and more upon the consideration of our people. The most momentous interests demand that it should receive prompt and thorough consideration. Having dwelt upon it in almost every preceding address, and intending, if my life is spared, to give it a more extended notice in another form, I shall dismiss it here with two remarks:—*first*, that it is a subject which concerns the friends of Diocesan Missions, even more than self-supporting congregations; and *secondly*, that it is a matter in which, on every account, the people ought to take the initiative. The clergy justly feel that they ought rather to suffer in silence than come before a reluctant people as importunate applicants, or, what is worse, as abject suppliants; and I should sooner counsel them to minister with their own hands to their necessities than to subject their office and their self-respect to such humiliation. I rejoice to know that, in many of our parishes, this subject has received anxious attention; and several instances have come to my knowledge within the past year, especially in this city, in which spontaneous movements have been made that were equally honorable to minister and people. May this spirit become universal!

In conjunction with the Secretary of the Convention and the President of the Standing Committee, I took measures, last autumn, to procure a course of Sunday evening Lectures on the Evidences of Religion to be delivered in the churches of Philadelphia during the winter months. Bishops and Presbyters were invited from different parts of the country to take part in it; and the Discourses, marked by great, and, in several instances, by pre-eminent ability, were directed more especially to relieve the difficulties of thoughtful young men whose minds, to an extent much to be deplored, are in danger of being infected with a specious but hollow scepticism which shelters itself under the abused names of Science and Philosophy. The result of this experiment has been, to exalt the estimation in which our clergy are held for learning and mental power, and to demonstrate how utterly disproportioned are the arrogant pretensions of speculative unbelief to its actual resources. In a published form these Lectures are likely to prove a permanent and valuable contri-

bution to a branch of Theological Literature which must be revised from time to time, if we would adapt our Apologies for Revealed Religion to the actual, and, in some instances, most urgent, wants of the minds with which we deal. For a Church to decline considering the plausible objections which, in an age of such prodigious intellectual activity as this, inevitably and continually spring up under the pretended auspices of Physical Science and Metaphysical Philosophy, is tacitly but virtually to confess her incompetence for no small part of her appointed work. No such Church can hope to exert a commanding influence over the culture of our age or land; and its hold even upon the active energies of the people runs the constant hazard of being weakened or destroyed by the suspicion of incapacity. A Church which ceases to teach, and one which does not strive to raise a portion of its teaching to a level with the very highest intelligence around it, is not following in the footsteps of the Apostolic College, nor in those of that early and, in human sense, defenceless church which went in three centuries from the humble spot where all the disciples were "with one accord in one place" to a more than regal sway over the heart of the world. We owe much to the Rev. Dr. Stevens for the enlightened suggestions and the vigilant and laborious supervision which he gave to this enterprise.

I have spoken, in the former part of this address, of the relation of the Church in this Diocese to schools. For what we are now doing in this important field I trust I am duly thankful; yet it bears but a small proportion to what with wisdom and patient enthusiasm we shall be able to accomplish. Has not the time arrived—at least, is it not at hand—when, within the bounds of each Convocation and each considerable section of the Diocese, there ought to be provision in one or more good Boarding Schools for the young of both sexes who are pursuing the higher branches of education, so that they can be trained under a proper Church influence? We need such schools for our own children, many of whom are sent, with a singular want of foresight, where they will receive, either no religious instruction at all, or one utterly alien from our services, or, what is worse, where their allegiance to the simplicity of the Gospel and to the very first principles of the Reformation will be secretly and insidiously undermined. We need such schools, too, for many who are not of our fold, but who are more than willing that their children should be educated under the positive system of teaching, and the orderly Christian nurture, which characterize, and, I trust, are destined still more to characterize the working of our Church. Has not the time also arrived when our clergy should identify themselves more than ever with our public school system, exposed, as it is, on one side to perversion, and on the other to ruin, and yet presenting, as it does, the only available means for spreading a universal education over the land? They may co-operate

with it, in a manner so unobtrusive as to arouse no jealousy, and still so efficient as to leaven it gradually with much more of religious influence than it now possesses ; while, at the same time, they help to rescue it from the hands of political and ecclesiastical agitators.*

I have imagined that a still further service would be rendered to the cause of Christian Education and to the advancement of our communion

* Extract from Address to the Convention of 1847.

"I cannot dismiss the subject of scholastic education for our children, without expressing my hope, that an interest in the Institutions just mentioned will not lessen our solicitude for the support and improvement of the Common Schools of the State. Pennsylvania is now engaged in a noble effort to supply every child within her limits with the means of elementary instruction ; and the success of that effort must be a cherished object with all who would see our civil institutions properly administered, or the claims of Christianity in general, and of our own Church in particular, properly appreciated. The friends of sober piety and of primitive Apostolic truth, have everything to hope and nothing to fear from the spread of intelligence among the people ; and that is an end which can be secured, in the first instance, only by a general system of schools, aided by the bounty of the state, and subjected to one plan of supervision. Where there are diversities of language and religious faith, and where large masses of population are unconnected with any religious body ; experience has shown that education cannot become general without the intervention of a central authority, which can at once foster, concentrate and direct the awakening interest in schools. In this country, that authority must leave to the people in the respective districts the details of school government, insisting only on a certain standard of mental and moral qualification in the teachers, and a certain amount of time to be employed in communicating instruction. In such a country, too, *specific religious instruction* must be communicated to the pupils of *common schools* principally through the agency of parents, Sunday Schools and Pastors. As these schools are attended almost exclusively by day scholars it can be given to them chiefly at home, and in connection with their respective parishes ; or it might, as in some countries of Europe, be imparted in school, at certain prescribed times, by the respective clergymen who have charge of the families to which children in attendance belong. No difficulty on this subject ought, I conceive, to endanger the paramount object of bringing the neglected children of indigence, of vice, and of sordid indifference under the benign influence of those who can teach them much, if not everything ; and who in proportion as they open their understandings, and raise their tastes, will only prepare them the better for that religious culture which otherwise they might never have attained. It should be considered, too, that most of the children taught in our common schools, can never enjoy the advantages of such seminaries as we have in connection with our Church, and if educated at all must be educated near their own homes, and at rates made sufficiently low by the united contributions of the holders of property, who for all they contribute to schools, will receive abundant return in the diminution of taxes, and in the increased security of their persons and estates."

if a *Training College* were established, in which young men, willing to consecrate themselves to the service of their fellow-men, and filled with the right spirit, might be prepared for such spheres of usefulness as, on trial, they should be found best fitted for—be it that of Presbyters,—of Deacons, properly so called,—of Catechists and Bible Readers,—or even of School-masters. I could find places for a very large number of teachers in Pennsylvania, and, were they earnest and intelligent members of our Church, they could, as such, often prepare the way for the establishment of congregations; and where the Church is already planted they could act as most efficient auxiliaries to settled Pastors and to Missionaries. This suggestion needs to be developed with more fulness than is consistent with the limits of this address, and I therefore dismiss it for the present.

The proceedings of the General Convention, held in New York in October last, are likely to form an era in our ecclesiastical experience. Not the least noticeable feature in its deliberations was the spirit of frank and fraternal co-operation which seemed to prevail through all its sessions, and which was clouded by few of those signs of pre-concerted and organized action which sometimes augur much better for the triumph of parties than for the success of great principles. But, what must endear that Convention still more to the Catholic Christian and philanthropist is the broad sympathy with which it was disposed to regard every movement that seemed to promise increased efficiency to our Church in her grand work of saving souls. The request from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies that the Bishops would prepare, for use on Missionary and like occasions, a form of prayer for the increase of the Holy Ministry according to the command of Christ, “pray ye the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth laborers into His harvest”—the profound sense of past delinquencies which was expressed in respect to the proper support of the Clergy, and the inducing of pious and properly qualified young men to enter the ministry—and the earnest desire universally manifested that our Church should forthwith greatly enlarge her means of dealing with the ignorant and irreligious within her own borders, and spread her blessings much more bountifully over the heathen world—these were signs of spiritual life which were not to be mistaken, and which may well fill our hearts with gratitude and hope.

In addition to the establishment of the Episcopate at two points on the coast of the Pacific, three other measures were adopted which are likely to impress themselves permanently on the history of our American Church. The first of these is, a Resolution of the House of Bishops, referring to a commission of six of their number, a Memorial of sundry Presbyters, in respect to the present position and working capacity of the Church. That memorial earnestly requests the Bishops to consider

whether some means may not be devised to enlarge the operations of our communion, to adapt her better to the peculiar work of the Lord in this age and land, and to enable her to aid more effectually in restoring outward unity and the spirit of true brotherhood among those who name the name of Christ. No graver and more important question could possibly be presented to the Fathers of the Church, and none to which they ought to address themselves more calmly, more patiently, or more prayerfully. It will take time before we can even measurably grasp its magnitude. Still more time may be necessary before some good men will recognize either the expediency or the propriety of raising such inquiries; and long and laborious consideration will be necessary before any great and wise measure can be matured, or, being matured, can be commended to the confidence and good will of the Church at large. The Spirit that presided in the Councils of the blessed Apostles could alone have inclined the hearts of so large a portion of the Bishops to look kindly on this movement; and it ought to be our prayer that the same Spirit may be abundantly vouchsafed until a greater and more effectual door shall be opened for us to the hearts of men, and until, as a Church, we can in all meekness, and yet with all power, become the instrument of healing those grievous wounds which pride and error have inflicted on the visible body of our Lord.

The restoration of the Diaconate to a nearer conformity with the primitive model was another measure which this Convention attempted. I regard that attempt as a wise one. We much need a class of men who can assist in the out-door work of the Church, where robust sense, fervent piety, and knowledge of the world, are often more important than mere erudition, or even than the capacity to teach—in the highest sense of that word. In some cases these men will be found to possess eminent gifts, and will advance to the highest positions. In others they will remain permanently and contentedly in subordinate stations, and will there give, to Pastors of Churches and to Missionaries, aid which they have long needed, and the need of which is coming every day to be more keenly and generally felt. The legislation of October last on this subject was merely experimental, and may need material revision. It was founded in a deep conviction not only that we want more laborers, but that we want those of more diversified powers and attainments; and it was intended to charge Bishops and Standing Committees with a larger discretion, and a graver responsibility in respect to the first grade of the ministry. He, of course, greatly misapprehends the object, and, as I think, the tendency of this measure, who supposes that it was intended, or must contribute, to depreciate learning in the ministry, or to set aside a thorough elementary training for those who are to become useful and able ministers of the New Testament. The importance of erudition and of the most consummate

intellectual ability among the Clergy I should be among the first to insist on; but no one will contend that either of these can be made universal, or that, in all stations, either of them is indispensable or even necessary. Let the utmost be done to secure pastors for our congregations who are accomplished in all that can make men wise to win souls, but, let us not forget that to perform that which, according to our Ordinal, appertaineth to the office of a Deacon, requires only an inferior grade both of capacity and knowledge. It may not be improper, in leaving this topic, to express the hope that efforts to raise the standard of literary and theological attainments among the clergy will keep pace with every effort to bring our services nearer to the people; and that in all such efforts we shall remember, *first*, that a vigorous, well-disciplined and active mind is much more of a power than mere learning, however great; *secondly*, that extensive and profound learning is needed, however, in our Church in this country much beyond our present attainments,—that we are without the appliances of wealth and learned leisure which the theologians of our Mother Church of England have enjoyed; and hence, *thirdly*, that our clergy, after they receive orders, and are charged with the cure of souls, need, as students, a degree of self-culture, self-reliance, and co-operation among themselves, greater perhaps than was ever needed before in any Church since the primitive ages of Christianity.

There is another feature in the action of our last General Convention which may properly be regarded, as it seems to me, with less of complacency. I refer to the tendency to enlarge more and more the action of that Convention, to the exclusion of Diocesan and voluntary agencies. It was manifested, both in what was done and in what was only proposed. Among the Canons and joint Resolutions adopted, are two which contemplate vesting in the General Convention a control over the charities of the Church quite beyond any which has been proposed hitherto. In the infancy of our organization as a national Church, one of the first measures adopted was the division, between the Dioceses interested, of a Common Fund for the relief of the widows and orphans of clergymen which, in their feebleness, these Dioceses had held jointly. This measure has always commended itself to my judgment as a wise one. The action of the last Convention looks in the opposite direction. It provides for the establishment of two great Central Funds, to be dispensed by a small number of Trustees, holding their places at the pleasure of the General Convention. One of these is a Fund for Bishops in Missionary fields, in new and nascent Dioceses, and in regions where the Church is not yet organized. The other, instituted by a joint Resolution which intrusted it to the charge of seven Trustees of the Diocese of New York, is a Fund for aged and infirm clergymen, and for the widows and orphans of deceased clergymen, throughout the whole Church. This policy, while

it seems to contemplate a reversal of that which prevailed in 1797, is a material advance upon the one which, in 1835, disbanded the General Missionary Society, and constituted the General Convention the Church's organ for the work of Missions. Few dispassionate persons will now contend that that experiment has resulted auspiciously either for the Church, or for Missions. It took the cause from the hands of those who loved it, and who were drawn to its service by the special interest they felt in its success, and transferred it to a body which meets but once in three years, which then assembles for a different purpose, and which does its proper work of legislation imperfectly because it deliberates in great haste, and with little previous preparation. It ignored one of the fundamental, and, in my opinion, one of the most valuable, features of the American Church—its voluntary element, whereby individuals can, by spontaneous association, originate movements which contemplate the establishment of churches and the promotion of various charities—those movements being subject of course to proper scrutiny from the authorities of the Church. The action now contemplated is obnoxious to the further objection that it proposes to centralize, at some one point, a vast fund which, if divided between several local centres, might be dispensed with a much better knowledge of the wants and rightful claims of those interested. It invests a small number of individuals belonging to that grand centre with a power over the comfort of Bishops and Disabled Clergymen, and over the sensibilities of pastors who anticipate the day when their families may be bereft of their presence and support, which power is favorable neither to happiness nor to personal independence. Too often, moreover, eleemosynary foundations thus established at a distance, encourage in clergymen expectations of relief from abroad which insensibly weaken the ties that ought to subsist between them and their own parishes and Dioceses, while they relax that lofty spirit of self-reliance and trust in God, which are, after all, a clergyman's best resource. Where there are well established parishes they should not be tempted to imagine that a small contribution to a great national Fund can excuse them from the paramount duty of providing not only for their minister while he lives, or is capable of service, but also for those who are dependent upon him, and whose claim is only enhanced by his death or disability. The Church of the Epiphany in this city, in raising a fund of nearly \$10,000 for the family of its late Rector, has manifested a spirit which, if properly diffused through our Church, would be worth to the clergy many times more than any fund which the General Convention can collect, though it be reckoned by millions. Indeed, just in proportion as such a fund gains a mammoth size, its application becomes a trust too delicate and too momentous to be held by popular deliberative bodies or by a few of their agents. Voluntary associations with corporate powers would ap-

pear on every account a safer depository for such trusts ; and these associations ought to be multiplied, with the extension of the Church, till each Diocese or each cluster of adjoining Dioceses has its own provision for the purpose. The claims of missionaries and of pastors in new and feeble portions of the Church, can sometimes be met by institutions already established in older Dioceses. Where this is not the case some general provision is much to be desired ; and if the efforts now authorized by the General Convention be limited to such instances and be regarded as temporary and provisional, they may well command our warmest sympathy and co-operation. If, on the other hand, they are to indicate the settled policy of the Church, and of the General Convention, we may, in that case, apprehend a recurrence of, in addition to others, those difficulties not less serious, which have beset our missionary operations, especially in the domestic field, for the last fifteen years.

I shall be slow to urge Dioceses to scrutinize closely the extent to which the General Convention absorbs the legislative functions of the Church. The analogies assumed by the founders of our General Church system between it and the Federal Constitution of the United States are not exemplified in practice. The subjects on which Dioceses legislate are few in number, and, for the most part, insignificant in character. But moderate discretion is exercised by them under the authority of law even within their own limits ; and that discretion was narrowed by the action of the last General Convention. The details of our worship, our government, and even of our practical beneficence are in the way of being arranged for us by a body which, in attempting to legislate for all parts of a vast country at once, must necessarily overlook the peculiar wants and capabilities of each different section of it. A proposition is now before the General Convention to establish Ecclesiastical Provinces and authorize Provincial Councils ; and the time is evidently not distant when some such measure may become necessary. When that time arrives, the proper functions of the General Convention will require to be more clearly defined, and the proper powers and rights of Dioceses : in respect to legislation, will need to be more thoroughly understood. In the early stages of our Ecclesiastical history, union and co-operation were so important—the individual Dioceses were so weak—and discord and anarchy so imminent—that a central power to organize, combine and direct, was indispensable. There is always a tendency, however, to transform temporary emergencies into a standing necessity, and to make that a ruling and all-absorbing principle which, in the beginning was, in some sense, but a provisional expedient. The union of our Churches I hold to be an inestimable blessing ; but it will be permanent and salutary, just in proportion as the central powers vested in the General Convention are asserted with moderation, and all matters which can be best regulated by Diocesan or

Provincial action remitted to those quarters. I make these remarks now because, most happily, our ecclesiastical sky is serene and bright, and such suggestions are, in the same proportion, less likely to be misapprehended or perverted. No one will be more prompt than myself to practice and recommend a respectful obedience to the authority of the General Convention; but such obedience does not preclude us from subjecting particular measures or a general policy to the scrutiny of calm and impartial criticism, since it is only through such criticism that we can prepare the way for wiser counsels.

In closing this address, I would ask you, brethren, to unite with me in unfeigned gratitude to God for the blessing which he has vouchsafed to our past efforts and in the firm determination that our labors and sacrifices hereafter shall be still more worthy of His acceptance. The future which is before us in this Diocese is big with results that must crown us with honor, or cover us with shame. Our state possesses within itself the elements of more than imperial greatness. Those elements are about to be developed with a rapidity and grandeur for which few of us are prepared. The next ten years must, in all probability, add more than a million to our present population. We shall then have, within the limits of this Commonwealth alone, more people than all that the States of the American Union, taken collectively, contained at the era of the Revolution. Are we prepared to do justice to the rightful claims which that population will have upon our communion? For the souls that even now are resident within the geographical limits of this Diocese, are we doing all that we might, or all that we should? In the presence of such spiritual necessities, existing or impending, does it become us to appeal to the Searcher of hearts with feelings of self-complacency? More clergymen with ampler endowments—more enterprise, and a more generous spirit of self sacrifice on the part of Bishop, ministers and people—more District Missionaries to visit the scattered members of our flock, to build up decayed parishes, and to organize new ones as God may furnish opportunity—arrangements by which lay-agency can be employed more largely in extending the borders of the Church, and giving efficiency to existing parishes—Sunday Schools more thoroughly identified with parishes and with our Church services, with more active supervision from pastors and parents—greatly increased effort in behalf of education in schools of every grade and name, whether public or private—a resolute purpose to present to young men more attraction in our Bible classes and Public Services and other parochial operations, and to supply those of them who are without immediate supervision from parents with all the guards of a wakeful but judicious Christian sympathy—a greatly increased consecration of our pecuniary gains to the work of the Lord—here are means plainly indicated to us by the finger of Providence. They are within our

reach, and on the humble and persevering use of them we may be assured of God's abundant blessing. If the progress of the last ten years has been full of encouragement, let that of the next ten demonstrate that we are animated by a still higher enthusiasm, and are bent indomitably on nobler results. Let our supplications to the Lord of the Harvest never be wanting that He will send forth more laborers into His harvest. Let prayer be made of the whole Church continually for a new dispensation of zeal, love and self-devotion, that all our people may labor together more fervently as with one mind and one heart. Let us see to it that the conscientious and open-handed liberality, which alone can make it safe, keeps pace with our almost boundless prosperity in material pursuits. And never will it become us to say that we have done our duty to this Church of our affections, till she shall have vindicated for herself her true position as the best Benefactor of men and the meekest and most devoted of the servants of Christ.

ALONZO POTTER.

May 16th, 1854.

The Bishop then placed on the table the list of Candidates for Orders, and of Clergy belonging to this Diocese.

CANDIDATES FOR ORDERS,

May 16th, 1854.

Alexander Janney,	since	Nov. 14th,	1849.
James W. Robins,	"	July	1850.
George B. Reese,	"	Dec.	1850.
George A. Crooke,	"	May	1851.
Lewis R. Standermeier,	"	May	"
James T. Hutcheson,	"	Oct.	"
Benjamin R. Smyser,	"	Oct.	"
William Ely,	"	Aug. 7th,	1852.
John Liggins,	"	Oct. 2d,	"
E. W. Appleton,	"	"	"
Samuel E. Appleton,	"	"	"
John W. Claxton,	"	Feb. 1st,	1853.
C. H. Albert,	"	May	"
Alfred M. Abel,	"	Dec. 3d,	"
Alfred Elwin,	"	Oct. 1st,	"
Fayette Durlin,	"	"	"
Hurley Baldey,	"	Nov. 6th,	"
Gideon J. Burton,	"	Jan. 7th,	1854.
William Brideaux,	"	"	"
John B. Henry,	"	Feb. 7th,	"
George Boyd Allinson,	"	"	"
George A. Latimer,	"	Mar. 5th	"
Richard Smith, Jr.,	"	April 2d,	"
Caldwell B. Mitchell,	"	"	"

ALONZO POTTER, Bishop, &c.

The tellers then reported as follows:—The tellers on the vote of the Clergy for Members of the Standing Committee reported that 86 votes had been cast for members of Standing Committee with the following result:—

Rev. Dr. Vaughan	received 76 vot's.	Mr. Thomas Robins	received 81 votes.
" " Hare	" 72 "	" E. Olmsted	" 76 "
" " Newton	" 58 "	" R. S. Smith	" 74 "
" Dr. Morton	" 55 "	" E. C. Biddle	" 68 "
" " Clay	" 32 "	" J. Bohlen	" 68 "
" Mr. Clark	" 30 "	" G. M. Wharton	" 17 "
" Mr. Cooper	" 24 "	" Tobias Wagner	" 1 "
" Mr. Natt	" 22 "	" Jas. S. Smith	" 1 "
" " Goddard	" 9 "		
" " Maxwell	" 6 "		
" Dr. Ducachet	" 1 "		

The tellers on the vote of the Laity for members of the Standing Committee reported that 79 votes had been cast with the following result:—

Rev. Dr. Vaughan	received 75 vot's.	Mr. E. Olmsted	received 78 votes.
" " Hare	" 72 "	" Thomas Robins	" 78 "
" " Newton	" 58 "	" E. C. Biddle	" 76 "
" Mr. Clark	" 48 "	" R. S. Smith	" 75 "
" Dr. Morton	" 38 "	" J. Bohlen	" 73 "
" Dr. Clay	" 23 "	" J. C. Cresson	" 4 "
" Mr. Natt	" 14 "	" G. M. Wharton	" 4 "
" Mr. Goddard	" 14 "	" C. E. Lex	" 1 "
" " Cooper	" 13 "	" A. Wells	" 1 "
" Dr. Bowman	" 3 "		
" Mr. Maxwell	" 3 "		
" " Odenheimer	" 2 "		
" Dr. Balch	" 2 "		

The Chair declared that the Rev. Drs. Hare, Vaughan and Newton, and Mr. Biddle, Mr. Bohlen, Mr. Olmsted, Mr. Robins, and Mr. Smith, had received a majority of both orders.

The tellers on the Clerical vote for Deputies to the General Convention reported that 77 votes had been cast with the following result:—

Rev. Dr. Howe	received 70 vot's.	Mr. J. N. Conyngham rec'd 69 votes.
" " Stevens	" 68 "	" G. M. Stroud " 67 "
" " Miles	" 63 "	" H. Cope " 70 "
" Mr. Cornwall	" 36 "	" G. R. White " 36 "
" " Crumpton	" 33 "	" L. B. Smith " 35 "
" Dr. Bowman	" 3 "	" G. M. Wharton " 9 "
" Mr. Lyman	" 3 "	" W. M. Meredith " 2 "
" Dr. Newton	" 2 "	" J. S. Smith " 2 "
" " Hilton	" 1 "	" G. Church " 1 "
" " Coleman	" 1 "	" A. Wells " 1 "
" " Clay	" 1 "	" T. Wagner " 1 "
		" T. Robins " 1 "
		" R. L. Hayes " 1 "
		" H. Hepburn " 1 "

The tellers on the Lay vote for Deputies to the General Convention reported that 73 votes had been cast with the following result :—

Rev. Dr. Howe	received 73 vot's.	Mr. J. N. Conyngham rec'd 71 votes.
" " Stevens	" 69 "	" H. Cope " 70 "
" " Miles	" 68 "	" G. M. Stroud " 69 "
" Mr. Cornwall	" 46 "	" L. B. Smith " 49 "
" " Crumpton	" 26 "	" G. R. White " 23 "
" Dr. Newton	" 2 "	" G. M. Wharton " 3 "
" " Morton	" 2 "	" J. R. Ingersoll " 1 "
" Mr. Mendenhall	" 2 "	" F. Wharton " 1 "
" Dr. Ducachet	" 1 "	" Bohlen " 1 "
		" T. D. Mutter " 1 "

The Chair declared that the Rev. Dr. Howe, the Rev. Dr. Stevens, and the Rev. Mr. Miles, were duly elected Clerical Deputies to the General Convention, and Messrs. Conyngham, Cope and Stroud, were duly elected lay Deputies ; and that two vacancies existed.

Invitations were received from the officers of the Academy of Fine Arts, of the Philadelphia Athenæum, and of the Episcopal Reading Room, to visit their respective Institutions, which, on motion, were accepted.

The House then proceeded to business.

The Treasurer of the Convention and of the Episcopal Fund presented their reports, which are annexed.

The Standing Committee presented the following reports :

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, respectfully present to the Convention the following abstract of their proceedings during the past year:

On the 7th of June they organized by the election of the Rev. Dr. Morton, as President, and Edward C. Biddle, as Secretary, and have, from that date, signed testimonials recommending the admission of Samuel B. Dalrymple, John Cromlish, Daniel Shaver, Fayette Durlin, Alfred Elwyn, Hurley Baldy, Alfred M. Abel, William Prideaux, Gideon J. Burton, John B. Henry, George Boyd Allinson, Gen. A. Latimer, Caldwell Beecher Mitchell and Richard Smith, Jr., as candidates for Holy Orders—of

David J. Henderson, Edward H. Kennedy, John K. Helmuth, Henry A. Coit, Daniel Kendig, John Williamson and Edward L. Lycett, for admission to the Holy Order of Deacons—and of the

Revs. William Huckel, David J. Henderson and Aaron Christman, for admission to the Holy Order of Priests.

In answer to a call from the Rev. Dr. Stevens, Secretary of the Convention, the Committee prepared a "condensed report and tabular statement of the state of the Church," which was approved by the Bishop and appended to the Journal of the last Convention.

The Committee at their meeting, July 5th, 1853, gave their assent to the sale of St. Paul's Church, Chester, of their Parsonage, and also of grounds attached to the Church for lots for burial purposes; with a view to their building a Parsonage on a better site and improving their Church property generally—and on the 6th December, gave their assent to All Saints' Church, Moyamensing, to mortgage two lots of ground on either side of said Church, to secure the balance due upon the ground, viz: \$833 33.

In January, the clerical members of the Standing Committee were appointed to confer with the Bishop in relation to the Canons touching ordination, passed by the General Convention, in 1853, and in March, a Committee revised the "notice to persons who have in contemplation the ministry of the Protestant Episcopal Church," and had the same printed.

The Trustees of the Academy of the Protestant Episcopal Church having generously appropriated a room in their building to the use of the Standing Committee, it has, by direction of the Committee been suitably furnished, and a commodious case placed therein for the use of the Committee on Records. A fire-proof chest has also, in compliance with a resolution of the Convention, been purchased for the safe keeping of the Records of the Diocese.

Circulars have been issued to the Churches calling for increased contributions to the Convention Fund, and authority granted to the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund to invest the surplus funds in his hands in the five per cent. loans of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The Committee on Records have made the following additions to their collections during the present Conventional year, viz :

1. Convention Journals of Pennsylvania, for 1853,	76 copies
2. Journal of General Convention, 1853,	1 "
3. Journals of the Conventions of other Dioceses, (bound in two volumes) each,	1 "
4. Proceedings of the Court for the trial of Bishop Onderdonk of New York,	2 "
5. Proceedings of the Court of Bishops for the trial of Bishop Doane, of New Jersey, 1st trial,	2 "
2d trial,	2 "
6. Notice to persons who have in contemplation the ministry of the Protestant Episcopal Church, say	400 "
7. Report of Clergy Daughters' Fund,	32 "
8. Charter, &c., of the Diocesan Missionary Society,	28 "
9. 41st Annual Report of the Advancement Society,	1 "

EDWARD C. BIDDLE, Secretary.

Philadelphia, May 16th, 1854.

The Standing Committee herewith present the accounts of the Treasurers of the Episcopal and Convention Funds, duly audited and approved—also the Charters of

St. John's Church, Lancaster.

The Church of our Saviour, Moyamensing, Philadelphia county.

And the Articles of Association of

St. Michael's Church, Birdsboro', Berks county.

St. Paul's Church, Dunbar, Fayette county.

Which they have examined and find to be in conformity to the Canon.

They also present to the Convention, the Charters of St. Peter's Church, Pittsburgh, and Grace Church, Lodersville, Susquehanna county, which not being certified according to the Canon, they return without approval.

EDWARD C. BIDDLE, Secretary.

Philadelphia, May 16th, 1854.

The Rev. Dr. Balch offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, 1. As the sense of this Convention, that it be recommended to the several vestries of our rural parishes, Boards of Managers of Diocesan and other Missionary Societies within this State, to fix the minimum salary of a Missionary or Rector, if a single man, at \$500, and if married, at \$750 per annum.

2nd. That this Convention hereby imposes a tax of two cents per week, on every communicant of the Church in this Diocese, to create a Fund to be called "the Supplementary Fund of the Diocese of Pennsylvania," and the Wardens of each parish be charged with the duty of collecting and paying over the same semi-annually, into the hands of the Treasurer or the "Supplementary Fund of the Diocese of Pennsylvania."

3rd. That a Committee consisting of — Presbyters and Laymen, be selected annually by this Convention, who, together the Bishop of the Diocese ex-officio

Chairman of the same, shall take charge of, and disburse said Fund, agreeably with regulations, hereafter prescribed

4th. Whenever it is shown satisfactorily to the Bishops and Committee having charge of said Fund, that any parish or Missionary station cannot possibly make the salary of its Rector or Missionary equal to the minimum income, that the Committee shall have power to grant from year to year, at their discretion, out of said Fund, an amount requisite to supply the said deficiency.

5th. The Committee shall report annually to the Convention, the amount of its receipts and expenditures, specifying the parishes or stations which have been assisted.

The Committee on the Salaries of Ministers appointed at the last Convention, made the following report :

REPORT

Of the Committee "As to the most expedient mode of raising the salaries of Clergymen in the more destitute Parishes of Pennsylvania."

The Committee who now respectfully ask your attention, were appointed by the last Convention to report on this occasion, "As to the most expedient mode of raising the salaries of the Clergymen in the more destitute Parishes of this Diocese."

From the tabular view of the state of the church in Pennsylvania, appended to the Journal of the last Convention, it appears, so far as reports have been received, that eleven parishes in this Diocese pay their Rectors \$2000 or more per annum. The Rectors of ten other Parishes receive salaries varying from \$1000 to \$1500 per annum. Thirty-two other parishes contract to pay their Pastors from \$500 to \$1000 per annum. There are also thirty-five parishes, each of which pledges its Pastor less than \$500 per annum; and seventeen of this latter class contract to pay their respective ministers less than \$300 per annum—in fact, one parish is reported as promising to pay its Pastor but \$70 per annum. This, it is believed, is the lowest salary stipulated to be paid to the clergyman of any isolated parish in the Diocese. If from the gross amount of compensation promised by the last mentioned seventeen parishes or stations, the arrears as reported, be deducted, there will appear to be an *average paid* compensation by these parishes, for each of these seventeen pastors, of only \$184 50 per annum; to only two of these parishes are parsonages attached. The Committee think that there can be but one opinion in the church upon this subject, and that such a state of things calls loudly for immediate and practical relief.

Much attention has, of late, been devoted to the increase of clerical salaries throughout our country; and in portions of New England, the increase has been from \$100 to \$500 per annum; and the better provision for the clergy has formed the theme of many an earnest appeal from our own Diocesan.

The present prices of provisions, and the increase in the market value of all the necessities of life, demand a corresponding increase in the compensation of clergymen, and of all others who have the care and responsibility of households.

It should be borne in mind that clergymen, from their very profession, are subjected to certain additional, but indispensable expenses, from which the followers of most other callings are in a great measure exempt. Their libraries are to be constantly replenished, numerous calls upon their means are to be answered, and in the rural districts, expenses are incurred attendant upon the career of a traveling missionary.

While the ministers of Christ Jesus should not, and cannot, expect to be rich, they may *at least* look for a sufficient maintenance to free them from anxiety as to the support of their families and to enable them to make some little provision for their households, in the event of their removal by death, in the vigor of life, as melancholy experience has recently shewn, is by no means an unusual occurrence. Exposed to the diseases and the various chances of mortality in a far *greater* degree than the vast majority of men, they should at least be enabled to pursue their laborious yet noble duties, unharassed and untrammelled by pecuniary difficulties and embarrassments. "They who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel." Not merely exist, but live, decently and comfortably; not in doubt as to their ability to meet the next quarter's house-rent, or to purchase a second barrel of flour when the first is nearly exhausted. An upward tendency in the salaries of all our clergy is a most desirable object; for although the compensation of the clergy in our cities may apparently be greater than that of our rural brethren, yet the actual difference is lessened very materially by a consideration of the far greater expenses of town life as compared with those of the country.

The following brief quotation from a late Pastoral Address of the Bishop of Vermont is well worthy of the most extensive circulation:

"You know that the salary of your pastor was fixed at a very moderate sum many years ago, when all the necessities of life might be procured for two thirds or even one-half of the present prices. When grain, meat, butter, cheese, fire-wood, wages, and mechanics' work of all sorts were so far below their value at the present day, that \$300 would then procure as much of the comforts of a family as \$500 would command now. And yet, your minister then had no superfluity. At no time was his salary such that the utmost economy and the closest management were not required in his domestic system to avoid running into debt. How do you expect him to live when the price of subsistence has become so raised above the old standard, while his salary remains the same?"

But your Committee was appointed to report "some expedient mode of raising the salaries of the clergymen in the *more destitute* parishes of Pennsylvania." It shall be their care then to suggest some practical means (according to their best judgment) for the increase of the compensation of those pastors whose salaries from all official sources are less than \$500 per annum. It is presumed that on a salary of \$500, by dint of the most rigid economy on the part of both husband and wife, in the cheapest part of the Diocese, a clergyman with a small family may possibly manage to keep soul and body together, while those who receive less than that amount, must either inevitably incur debt, or be forced to resort to other means of livelihood calculated necessarily to interfere directly with the discharge of their spiritual and appropriate duties.

1st. The first suggestion your Committee have to offer is, that the duty of a better provision for the Christian ministry should be urged upon their respective congregations by the ministers themselves. A false and morbid delicacy often deters a clergyman from speaking out plainly on this point. Certain sentences in the offertory present, in the strongest light, this duty of maintaining the ministry. Let these expressive and profitable words of Scripture be more constantly read, so that the people shall not fail to hear God's own voice speaking to them in this wise:—

"They who minister about holy things live of the sacrifice; and they who wait at the altar are partakers with the altar."—1 Cor. ix. 13, 14.

"Even so hath the Lord ordained, that they who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel."—1 Cor. ix. 13, 14.

"Let him that is taught in the word minister unto him that teacheth, in all good things."—GAL. vi. 6, 7.

"Who goeth a warfare at any time of his own cost? Who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? Or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock?"—1 Cor. ix. 7.

And let the duty which is taught by these sentences be plainly enforced as a regular part of the teaching of the sacred office of the ministry. The responsibility of the ambassadors of the Lord Jesus is not properly discharged until the whole counsel of God is declared on this and all other parts of His Holy Word.

Your committee are decidedly of the opinion that the number of half-fed and half-clad Missionaries of the Cross would be greatly diminished if due attention were paid to the teachings of God's own mouth upon the subject of the obligation of supporting God's own ministry.

It occurs to the minds of your Committee also, that a *Pastoral Letter* from the Bishop of the Diocese, upon the subject of an adequate support of the ministry, and distributed to every family of our communion in the Diocese, would be a very expedient method of pressing this matter home upon the hearts and the consciences of the people. Many of the clergy are known to share in the sentiments expressed by one of their number, that a *discourse by the Bishop in every parish*, or a *Pastoral Letter* on this subject would go to the root of the whole difficulty; the great object being to make the people sensible, if possible, of their duty in relation to an adequate support of those who minister to their spiritual wants.

2d. Your Committee suggest that great relief could be afforded to the clergy of the more distant parishes by a collection taken up in all self-supporting churches once a year, the proceeds of which should be placed in the hands of the Treasurer of the Convention, who, in conjunction with the Bishop, the President and Secretary of the Standing Committee, should be empowered to distribute this "*Pastoral-aid fund*," according to their best judgment, to clergymen in the Diocese, whose salaries, from all official sources, do not reach \$500 per annum.

The more prosperous congregations must, for a time at least, come up to the assistance of the weaker parishes with far more liberality than they have hitherto evinced. In the remoter rural districts especially, money circulates slowly, and the parish clergyman sometimes finds it difficult to pay even for the commonest

necessaries of life. The "*Pastoral-aid fund*" above suggested would, it is believed, afford to each hardly pressed clergyman a certain portion of ready money, which would prove exceedingly acceptable, when "the bin was exhausted," and the raiment of the little ones waxing old.

3d. Your Committee are also of opinion that a change might be very judiciously made in the existing mode of providing services for many of the parishes in the more sparsely populated portions of the Diocese. Ministers are now far scarcer than means, and it seems to your Committee inexpedient that some of our clergymen should be retained *exclusively* at stations where, from peculiar circumstances, there can be but *little growth* in their congregations. Would it not be far wiser, to connect several feeble stations together to a much greater extent than is now done, and to appoint one clergyman, with a horse and wagon, and all necessary ammunition in the shape of Bibles, Prayer Books, and Tracts, as an itinerant missionary for even a whole county, or at least a large portion of a county? Religious services could thus be provided at various points, at stated periods, and foundations laid for future parishes, while, during the intervals of these *ministerial* visitations, the services of the church could be conducted and sermons read by some *pious laymen* appointed thereto by the Bishop. Your Committee are cognizant of cases where great good has been accomplished by the adoption of this system.

4th. Your Committee recommend what to their judgment appears to be *another very expedient* method of increasing clerical support in the more destitute parishes—"The formation, on as wide a basis as possible, of a *Church Building Society*." This possesses a peculiar claim to our attention, because it would promote the independence of parishes, and in time produce a largely increased number of clergymen sustained by their own flocks, "a consummation most devoutly to be wished." Many feeble missionary points in the interior would give far more to their clergymen, if they were provided with *suitable houses of worship*, the pews and sittings of which could be rented at reasonable rates; the pastor of the flock would thus be secured a larger and more punctually paid salary than through the far more uncertain mode of *individual subscriptions*.

5th. Your Committee are also of opinion, that in some cases the Society for the advancement of Christianity, and the later Missionary Societies in the Diocese, might advantageously assist the weaker parishes, somewhat on the reciprocal principle: i. e. by a stipulation on the part of the Missionary Society to pay a certain amount per annum to a particular station, for the support of a clergyman, *conditioned* on the payment of a like amount on the part of the parish itself. This is the course pursued by the *Diocesan Church Society of Nova Scotia*, and it works admirably in that Diocese. There would be, of course, difficulties in the way of its universal application among us, which do not obtain in the colonial Diocese referred to; but it is respectfully submitted whether the principle could not be judiciously applied in our own Diocese; or a certain sum towards a pastor's salary might be pledged by a Missionary Society, with an understanding that it should be diminished each successive year, said decrease to be graduated by the increased ability of the parish to sustain its pastor.

It is scriptural and reasonable that the people should manifest a willingness to receive a clergyman before he shall be permanently settled among them. The relation between pastor and people is a contract binding on both parties,—the people receive spiritual things, and are bound to render to their pastors freely of their worldly things.

It appears to your Committee to be far more righteous that a parish which is *able*, but not *willing*, to support its minister, should suffer from a temporary famine of the word, than that the minister of GOD should be allowed to remain at such a post to subject his family to starvation and his holy office to contempt.

6th. Another very excellent "mode of raising the salaries, &c.," and thus rendering the pastoral tie far more binding than it is at present, is *the moderate endowment of Churches*, where the population is sparse, and of such a character as to be unable to support its minister without aid from without. A very good article on this subject appeared some time since in one of our Church papers; let the writer speak for himself: "Let the managers of a Missionary Society make some such arrangement as this:—propose to give, at once, to any parish a sum not exceeding \$2000, provided that the people of the parish raise as much more, and let this sum be invested by a joint committee of the Missionary Society and the Vestry, in some public security, ground rent, or other safe investment, yielding six per cent. per annum. By this means the Society would be at once relieved of the support of one of its stipendiaries, and a self-supporting parish would be created. The clergyman would receive this annual interest, and as much more as the ability and liberality of his people might afford. Every year would add one or more self-sustaining churches to the list; clerical changes would become fewer, and the cause of the church be strengthened. The sum taken out of the fund of the society could be assessed on the salaries of all the missionaries, or the number might be kept so small as to allow an annual endowment appropriation, and still leave the stipends entire.

"Or an entire new Society might be formed for this particular purpose—the endowment of Churches. Its regulations could be so framed as to secure perfect impartiality, and it might be made the trustee of legacies and donations. By keeping the subject of endowments continually before the Church, and restricting the society to a sum not exceeding \$2000, in any one case, and that conditioned upon a like sum raised in the parish, a good work would be begun. In many parishes—eventually we think in most—a resident and laborious clergy, not staying under hopes of removing, but settled for life, would be able to build up the temporalities, and increase the endowment from year to year; until in the end the Churches at present in the Diocese would not only be self-supporting, but able and willing to put every new church in the destitute portions of the State on a good footing at once. And they would be able to do much more than at present for missionaries out of our limits, not only in our own land, but in foreign countries."

Such, as it appears to your Committee, are "the most expedient modes of increasing the salaries, &c.," and they are urged with earnestness upon the attention of the clergy and laity of this Convention. The best interests of our beloved

Church are involved in this most practical question. The ranks of the clergy are becoming thinned by disease and death, and we look in vain for laborers to fill the gaps and to be "baptized for the dead." Recruits will be few and far between until proper provision shall have been made for the support of those who by their very profession are cut off from the ordinary sources of profit. The clergy have the same wants and necessities as other men. GOD does not supply them by extraordinary and miraculous means, as Elijah of old was fed by ravens at the brook of Cherith, for it is a characteristic of the Divine economy that miracles are not used when natural agencies will suffice to accomplish the ends designed. "The cries of the laborers who are reaping down the fields of the Great Husbandman, for their proper hire, have entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth;" and the laity for their own sake, as well as for the clergy's sake, should respond to those cries. They should provide such a support for their clergy as would raise up a class of manly, independent and *only* GOD-fearing ministers, men who should be "encouraged to speak boldly as they ought to speak, crouching to no man for their morsel of bread, nor tempted to lick the hand that feeds them." The ministers of the LORD do not ask for riches, for then they might forget GOD, nor for poverty, for then they might forget themselves, but for food and raiment sufficient for themselves and their families. "They should be so maintained as to prevent the poverty of their condition from prejudicing the force of their reasoning, or give occasion to a high minded hearer to accuse their plain speech of unmannerly presumption. Until we can find a Church on earth perfectly true to the image of our LORD in all her members, and in all the successive generations of her members, it is a vision indeed to reject all adventitious support and all temporal considerations." And the clergy should be so sustained as to be enabled to devote their whole time and energies to the appropriate duties of their sacred office; otherwise they can give but a poor account of their Master's work. Here is the testimony of one of good degree in the Church: "Something must be done to increase and ensure a support to our country clergy, or the services of our Church must be confined to the cities and large towns. I have not received \$100 per annum from those to whom I minister. I can give, I am grieved to say, but a fraction of my time to my holy calling, having to toil in teaching to enable me to keep a horse and support a wife and five children; the result of this is, I cannot visit my flock and others who might be induced to unite with the Church." The same excellent clergyman complains that though he wishes to hold evening services at various points during the week, he is tied to his school to support his family, and is, therefore, precluded from the possibility of carrying his holy desire into execution.

Your Committee believe, that with the Divine blessing, the practical carrying out of the above suggestions, would lead to the speedy establishment of many more self-supporting parishes, the recruiting of the ranks of our ministry, and the immediate relief of a band of hard-working, useful and self-sacrificing ministers of Christ.

They conclude their report with the recommendation of the following Resolutions:

1st. *Resolved*, That the Right Reverend Bishop Potter be respectfully requested to address a pastoral letter to the Diocese upon the subject of the increase of clerical support.

2nd. *Resolved*, That this Convention recommend that collections be made in all the self-supporting parishes of the Diocese once a year to form a "*pastoral aid-fund*," which shall be placed in the hands of the Treasurer of the Convention, who, in conjunction with the Bishop, the President and Secretary of the Standing Committee, shall distribute the same according to the best of their judgment amongst those clergymen in the Diocese who receive, from all official sources, less than \$500 per annum, except in cases where *particular* appropriations may be specified by churches making such collections.

3rd. *Resolved*, That this Convention strongly recommend the formation of a *Church-building society*; and with a view to the attainment of this desirable object, request the clergy to call the attention of their respective parishes to the earnest recommendation of our Diocesan to take up a collection once a year for church-building purposes.

HENRY E. MONTGOMERY,
JACOB M. DOUGLASS,
WM. WELSH.

Philadelphia, May 16, 1854.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Ducachet, *Resolved*, that this Report and the resolutions of the Rev. Dr. Balch, be made the order of the day, for to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

On motion, adjourned.

WM. BACON STEVENS, *Secretary*.

Wednesday, 5 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention re-assembled. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved. The calling of the roll was, on motion, dispensed with.

The Chair stated that the order of the day was the election of members of the Standing Committee and delegates to the General Convention.

The election of members of the Standing Committee being in order, it was moved by the Rev. Mr. Buchanan, that the election be postponed.

On motion of Mr. Ashhurst, the motion to postpone was laid on the table.

Mr. F. Wharton made the following nominations :

Rev. J. A. Vaughan, D. D.	Edward C. Biddle,
" G. Emlen Hare, D. D.	John Bohlen,
" Richard Newton, D. D.	Edward Olmsted,
" Samuel A. Clark,	Thomas Robins,
	Richard S. Smith.

The Rev. Dr. Stevens nominated the following :

Rev. Henry J. Morton, D. D.	Mr. Thomas Robins,
" John A. Vaughan, D. D.	" John Bohlen,
" G. Emlen Hare, D. D.	" Edward Olmsted,
" Richard Newton, D. D.	" Edward C. Biddle,
" Charles D. Cooper,	" Richard S. Smith.

The Rev. Mr. Cooper declined being a candidate, whereupon,

Rev. Dr. Hare nominated the Rev. Dr. Clay.

The Rev. Mr. Franklin nominated the Rev. G. W. Natt.

The Chair appointed the following tellers :

Clerical Tellers, Rev. Messrs. Beatty, Trapier, Beasley and Washburn.

Lay Tellers, Messrs. Ralston, Brooke, Parke and Aertsen.

Pending the ballot, the Standing Committee reported the following charters, which were referred to the Committee on Charters :

Church of the Incarnation, Darby, Delaware county.

St. John's, Reading, Berks county.

The Rev. Mr. Spackman presented a petition from the Wardens and Vestry of St. Thomas' African Church, which he moved to lay on the table, which was carried. He then gave notice that on Thursday he would move to repeal the 8th revised regulation.

The Chair appointed the following tellers for the election of Deputies to the General Convention :

Clerical Tellers, Rev. Messrs. Odenheimer, D. S. Miller, J. B. Morss and Crumpton.

Lay Tellers, Messrs. J. C. Cresson, L. Lewis, J. R. Lambdin and G. F. Curwen.

The Committee on Charters have had before them the Charter of Incorporation of the Church of our Saviour, Philadelphia ; the Charter of Incorporation of St. Paul's Church, Dunbar township, Fayette county ; the Charter of Incorporation of St. John's Church, Lancaster, and the Articles of Association of St. Michael's Church, Birdsboro', Berks county, and find the same to be in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of this Church.

They therefore offer the following resolution :—

Resolved, That those churches be, and the same are hereby received into union with this Convention.

The Committee on Charters have examined the Charter of the Church of the Incarnation, Darby, Delaware county, and also the Charter of Incorporation of St. John's Church, Reading, Berks county, and find the same to be conformable to the Constitution and Canons of this Church.

They offer therefore the following resolution :—

Resolved, That these churches be, and the same are hereby received into union with this Convention.

J. C. CLAY, Chairman.

On motion adjourned.

WM. BACON STEVENS, *Secretary*.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, }
Thursday Morning, May 18, 1854. }

After Divine Service, Convention came to order.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with. The Minutes of yesterday P. M. were read and confirmed.

The Chair stated that the order of the day was the consideration of the resolutions offered yesterday by the Rev. Dr. Balch, and the Report of the Committee.

Judge Stroud moved to postpone the order of the day,

in order to take up the amendment to the Constitution offered at the last session of the Convention, *vide* page 63 last Journal, which amendment was approved, the vote being by orders as follows:—

AYES.

Rev. T. G. Allen,
 " L. P. W. Balch, D. D.,
 " F. W. Beasley,
 " A. Beatty,
 " James Bonnar, B. D.,
 " E. Y. Buchanan,
 " Levi Bull, D. D.,
 " J. C. Clay, D. D.,
 " N. E. Cornwall,
 " Thomas Crumpton,
 " R. Davis,
 " J. M. Douglass,
 " B. J. Douglass,
 " George C. Drake,
 " R. B. Duane,
 " S. Durborow,
 " B. Franklin,
 " R. D. Hall,
 " G. Emlen Hare, D. D.,
 " Wm. J. Hilton,
 " M. Hirst,
 " Wm. Huckel,
 " M. C. Lightner,
 " John Long,
 " J. G. Maxwell,

Rev. G. D. Miles,
 " Geo. Mintzer,
 " W. W. Montgomery,
 " J. K. Murphy,
 " Richard Newton, D. D.,
 " W. H. Paddock,
 " R. O. Page,
 " A. Prior,
 " J. M. Rogers,
 " Joel Rudderow,
 " G. M. Skinner,
 " J. B. Smith,
 " J. H. Smith,
 " R. Smith,
 " N. Stem,
 " Wm. Bacon Stevens, D. D.,
 " Wm. Suddards,
 " C. W. Thomson,
 " R. S. Trapier,
 " P. Van Pelt,
 " D. Washburn,
 " W. E. Webb,
 " H. H. Weld,
 " T. W. Winchester.

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NOES.

Rev. H. W. Ducachet, D. D.,
 " J. B. Morris,

Rev. G. W. Natt.

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AYES.

St. Andrew's Church,
 St. James',
 Christ,
 St. Thomas',
 St. James the Greater,
 St. Luke's,
 Grace,
 Trinity,
 St. Paul's,

Pittsburgh.
 "
 Reading.
 Morgantown.
 Bristol.
 Newtown.
 Hulmeville.
 Centreville.
 Doylestown.

AYES.

St. Philip's,
 St. Peter's,
 St. John's,
 St. Mary's,
 St. Mark's,
 Church of the Holy Trinity,
 Christ Church,
 St. Stephen's,
 St. Paul's,
 St. Martin's,
 St. David's,
 St. James',
 All Saints',
 St. Stephen's,
 St. Luke's,
 St. Mark's,
 St. James',
 St. James',
 St. Andrew's,
 Grace,
 Church of the Ascension,
 " " " Epiphany,
 " " " Atonement,
 " " " Nativity,
 St. Philip's,
 St. Luke's,
 St. John's,
 Advent,
 St. Matthew's,
 St. Jude's,
 Emmanuel,
 Zion,
 St. Luke's,
 Christ,
 Emmanuel,
 St. Mark's,
 St. James',
 Trinity,
 St. James',
 Grace,
 St. John's,

 Trinity Church,
 St. John's,
 St. John's,

NOES.

Summit Hill.
 Great Valley.
 New London Township.
 Warwick "
 Honeybrook.
 Westchester.
 Meadville.
 Harrisburg.
 Chester.
 Marcus Hook.
 Radnor.
 Lancaster.
 Paradise.
 Wilkesbarre.
 Scranton.
 Lewistown.
 Perkiomen Township.
 Philadelphia.
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 Spring Garden.
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 Philadelphia.
 Northern Liberties.
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 Francisville.
 Spring Garden.
 Kensington.
 South Penn Township.
 Germantown.
 "
 Holmesburg.
 Frankford.
 Kingessing.
 Pottsville.
 Schuylkill Haven.
 Honesdale.
 York.

 Pittsburgh.
 Pequea.
 Concord Township.

NOM.

St. Stephen's,
Church of the Redemption,
All Saints',
St. James the Less,
Trinity,

Philadelphia.
Spring Garden.
Moyamensing.
North Penn Township.
Oxford.

On motion of Mr. F. Wharton, it was *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to report to the next Convention whether any change in the nomenclature of the Churches in the city of Philadelphia, is rendered necessary by the passage of the late Consolidation Act.

The Chair appointed as the Committee, the Rev. Dr. Howe, Francis Wharton and M. Russel Thayer.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Balch, it was *Resolved*, that the report of the Committee on Missionaries' Salaries, and the resolutions, be referred to a special Committee to report thereon during this session, and they have permission to retire.

The Committee appointed were the Rev. Dr. Balch, Rev. Dr. Ducachet, Rev. Mr. Wilmer, Mr. William Welsh and Mr. J. C. Cresson.

The Chair stated that the order of the day was the election of the two remaining Clerical members of the Standing Committee.

The Rev. Dr. Hare nominated the Rev. Dr. Morton and the Rev. Dr. Clay.

The Rev. Mr. Suddards nominated the Rev. Mr. Cooper and the Rev. Dr. Morton.

The Rev. Dr. Ducachet nominated the Rev. G. W. Natt.

Nominations for Deputies to the General Convention were declared to be in order.

The Rev. Mr. Cornwall withdrew from being a candidate, and nominated the Rev. Mr. Crumpton.

Mr. L. B. Smith also withdrew as a candidate.

The Rev. Mr. Ogilby nominated the Rev. Dr. Bowman and Mr. G. M. Wharton.

Mr. Ashhurst nominated the Rev. Mr. Duane.

The Rev. Mr. Cooper nominated Mr. G. W. Woodward.

The Rev. Mr. Meyer nominated the Rev. Dr. Newton.

The Rev. Dr. Hare nominated Mr. G. R. White.

The Rev. Mr. Allen nominated Mr. J. R. Ingersoll.

The Tellers on the Clerical vote for Standing Committee reported that 85 votes had been cast, with the following result:

Rev. Dr. Morton,	received 48 vot's.	Rev. Dr. Duchachet,	rec'ed 1 votes
" " Clay,	" 41 "	" Mr. Washburn,	" 1 "
" Mr. Clark,	" 24 "	" Dr. Stevens,	" 1 "
" " Goddard,	" 22 "	" " Hare,	" 1 "
" " Natt,	" 11 "	" Mr. Furey,	" 1 "
" " Cooper,	" 10 "	" Dr. Vaughan,	" 1 "
" Dr. Balch,	" 3 "	" Mr. Quick,	" 1 "
" " Coleman,	" 2 "		

The Lay Tellers reported that 71 votes were cast with the following result:

Rev. Dr. Morton,	received 48 vot's.	Rev. Dr. Balch,	rec'ed 2 vot's
" " Clay,	" 32 "	" " Coleman,	" 1 "
" Mr. Clark,	" 22 "	" " Duchachet,	" 1 "
" " Goddard,	" 17 "	" Mr. Suddards,	" 1 "
" " Natt,	" 5 "		

The Chair declared that the Rev. Dr. Morton was duly elected a Clerical member of the Standing Committee, and that one vacancy remained to be filled.

The Rev. Mr. Natt and Rev. Mr. Cooper withdrew from being candidates.

The clerical tellers for Deputies to the General Convention reported that 73 votes had been cast, with the following result:

Rev. Mr. Crumpton	received 21 vot's.	Mr. G. R. White	rec'ved 23 votes.
" Dr. Bowman	" 20 "	" G. M. Wharton	" 21 "
" Mr. Duane	" 13 "	" G. W. Woodward	" 16 "
" Dr. Balch	" 6 "	" J. R. Ingersoll	" 3 "
" " Newton	" 3 "	" Smith	" 3 "
" " Morton	" 2 "	" F. R. Brunot	" 2 "
" Mr. Thomson	" 2 "	" G. M. Stroud	" 1 "
" Dr. Coleman	" 1 "	" F. Wharton	" 1 "
" " Clay	" 1 "	" W. M. Meredith	" 1 "
" " Newton	" 1 "	" Buchanan	" 1 "
" Mr. Cornwall	" 1 "		
" " Walsh	" 1 "		
" " Ogilby	" 1 "		

The lay tellers for Deputies to the General Convention reported that 59 votes had been cast, with the following result :

Rev. Mr. Crumpton	received 17 vot's.	Mr. G. W. Woodward	rec'ved 16 votes.
" " Duane	" 17 "	" G. R. White	" 15 "
" Dr. Bowman	" 10 "	" G. M. Wharton	" 12 "
" " Balch	" 6 "	" J. R. Ingersoll	" 5 "
" " Newton	" 4 "	" L. B. Smith	" 4 "
" Mr. Cornwall	" 3 "	" F. R. Brunot	" 3 "
" " McElhinney	" 1 "	" H. Hepburn	" 2 "
" Dr. Coleman	" 1 "	" R. C. Hale	" 1 "
" Mr. Byllesby	" 1 "	" W. M. Meredith	" 1 "
" " Buchanan	" 1 "		

The Chair declared that there was no election.

On motion of Mr. T. K. Bull, further balloting was dispensed with.

The Chair stated that in consequence of the change in the Constitution adopted this morning, the following gentlemen were entitled to seats:

Rev. A. J. Berger,
 " Wm. C. Cooley,
 " Geo. C. Foote,

Rev. Richard Temple,
 " Anthony Ten Broeck.

Their names were then called, and Mr. Cooley, Mr. Temple, and Mr. Ten Broeck answered.

The Rev. Dr. Howe, as the Secretary of the General Convention, called the attention of the house to the

amendments to the Constitution of the P. E. Church, proposed by the last General Convention, which are as follows :

A change in Article II. so as to read :—

"Such representation shall consist of not more than four clergymen and four laymen—communicants in this church, resident in the Diocese, and chosen in the manner prescribed by the Convention thereof."

A change in Article V. providing that no "new Diocese shall be formed, which shall contain less than *fifteen self-supporting parishes, or less than fifteen presbyters*, who have been, for at least one year, canonically resident within the bounds of such new Diocese, regularly settled in a parish or congregation, and qualified to vote for a Bishop.

"Nor shall such new Diocese be formed if thereby any existing Diocese shall be so reduced as to contain less than thirty self-supporting parishes, or less than twenty presbyters, who have been residing therein, and settled and qualified as above mentioned, provided that no city shall form more than one Diocese."

And a change in Article VI., viz :—

"In every Diocese the mode of trying presbyters and deacons may be instituted by the convention of the Diocese, until the General Convention shall provide a uniform mode of trial."

The italicised words in the above extracts mark the changes from the present terms of the Constitution.

The following report was then read :

The Committee appointed to examine and report in relation to the document prepared by the Rev. Mr. Franklin, respectfully report, that they have performed the duty assigned them, and recommend the following resolutions :

Resolved, 1. That the document be neatly copied and bound under the direction of its compiler, and be deposited where the papers of this Convention are ordered to be kept.

Resolved, 2. That the expenses of copying and binding be paid by the Treasurer of the Convention.

G. EMLÉN HARE,
B. FRANKLIN,
G. M. WHARTON,
Committee.

January 19, 1854.

The Committee on the expediency of amending the 2nd clause of the Constitution (p. 57 of the last journal), reported progress and asked leave to be continued, which motion was carried.

The clerical tellers for Standing Committee reported that 79 votes were cast, with the following result :—

Rev. Dr. Clay	received 38 vot's.	Rev. Mr. Maxwell	received 1 vote.
" Mr. Clark	" 23 "	" Dr. Newton	" 1 "
" " Goddard	" 9 "	Blank,	2 "
" " Cooper	" 5 "		

The lay tellers for Standing Committee reported that 61 votes were cast, with the following result :—

Rev. Dr. Clay	received 31 vot's.	Rev. Mr. Goddard	received 2 votes.
" Mr. Clark	" 19 "	" Dr. Morton	" 1 "
" " Cooper	" 8 "		

The Chair declared there was no election.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Stevens, further balloting was dispensed with.

The following communication was read by the Secretary :—

PHILADELPHIA BANK, 18th May, 1854.

My Dear Sir,—

As other duties will prevent my attendance at the Convention this morning, will you do me the favor, at the proper time during the elections, to state to that body my declination of a re-election as Treasurer. I have served the Convention fourteen years in that office, and think I have now a right to claim relief from its duties. I therefore beg you will do me this favor, and ask that another person be selected to fill the office.

In haste, your friend and servant,

THOMAS ROBINS.

Rev. W. B. Stevens.

On motion of Mr. J. S. Smith, Mr. Robins' resignation was accepted, and the thanks of the Convention tendered to him for his long and faithful services.

Mr. Spackman called up the motion, of which he gave notice yesterday, to repeal the 8th revised regulation.

The following memorial, laid on the table yesterday, was called up by Mr. Spackman and read by the Secretary, as follows :—

To the Bishop, Clergy and Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Pennsylvania, in Convention assembled.

THE PETITIONERS,—The Minister, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of "St. Thomas' African Protestant Episcopal Church,"

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :—That the aforesaid St. Thomas' Church, having been duly organized, and constituted a body politic, in accordance with the Laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, have conformed to the doctrines, discipline and worship of the "Episcopal Church," for more than half a century, yet until the present period said church stands unacknowledged as a branch of the "Episcopal Church" in the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

YOUR PETITIONERS FURTHER SHOWETH :—That, from our own experience, the prosperity of the church we represent has been greatly retarded, temporally as well as spiritually, from the position in which she has been placed in the Diocese.

While we are fully convinced of the adaptedness of the order of worship and discipline of the "Episcopal Church," to the wants of the greater portion of the people we represent, we are assured that its failure to command a more universal acceptance among them, is owing, more than to any other cause, to the anomalous and undignified position we occupy as a church in this Diocese. Believing, as we do, that there is no just or reasonable grounds that the aforesaid church should not be allowed to occupy the same level with her sister churches in a representative capacity, and be admitted into union with the Convention,

WE THEREFORE, Do most respectfully *petition* your honorable body to repeal the 'Eighth Revised Regulation,' whereby the said St. Thomas' Church is deprived of the right of representation. All of which is respectfully submitted to your favorable consideration.

And we will ever pray. In behalf of the Vestry of St. Thomas' African Protestant Episcopal Church, in the City of Philadelphia.

JAMES NEEDHAM, Church Warden.
May 15th, 1854.

WILLIAM DOUGLASS,
Rector.

After discussion upon this question, Rev. Dr. Clay moved to lay the resolution of Mr. Spackman on the table.

A division was called for but before taking the question, on motion the House adjourned.

WM. BACON STEVENS, *Secretary*.

Thursday Afternoon, 5 P. M.

The Convention re-assembled.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The Rev. Dr. Clay withdrew his motion to lay the resolution of Rev. Mr. Spackman, offered this morning, on the table.

The vote was then taken by orders on Mr. Spackman's resolution to repeal the 8th Revised Regulation, as follows :

AYES.	
Rt. Rev. Bishop Potter,	Rev. Mr. Meyer,
Rev. Mr. Allen,	" " Miles,
" Dr. Balch,	" " Miller,
" Mr. Beasley,	" " Mintzer,
" " Beatty,	" " W. W. Montgomery,
" " Bonnar,	" " J. K. Murphy,
" " Brown,	" " Nash,
" Dr. Bull,	" " Natt,
" Mr. Byllesby,	" Dr. Newton,
" " Childs,	" Mr. Odenheimer,
" " Clark,	" " Paddock,
" " Clements,	" " Page,
" " Cooley,	" " Platt,
" " Cooper,	" " Prior,
" " Cornwall,	" " Rudderow,
" " Crumpton,	" " Russell,
" " J. M. Douglass,	" " J. B. Smith,
" " B. J. Douglass,	" " J. H. Smith,
" " Drake,	" " Spackman,
" " Duane,	" " Stem,
" " S. Durborow,	" " Stone,
" " Field,	" " Suddards,
" " Furey,	" " Taylor,
" " Goddard,	" " Temple,
" " Hall,	" " Thomson,
" " Hard,	" " Tullidge,
" Dr. Hare,	" " Van Pelt,
" Mr. Hilton,	" Dr. Vaughan,
" " Hirst,	" Mr. Walsh,
" " Kirke,	" " Washburn,
" " Leaf,	" " Webb,
" " Lightner,	" " Weld,
" " Marple,	" " White,
" " Mendenhall,	" " Wiley,
" " McLeod,	" " Yarnall.
Ayes 70.	

NOES.

Rev. Mr. Bean,
 " Dr. Bowman,
 " Mr. Buchanan,
 " Dr. Clay,
 " " Coleman,
 " Mr. R. Davis,
 " " T. J. Davis,
 " Dr. Ducachet,
 " Mr. G. A. Durborow,
 " " Elsegood,
 " " Franklin,
 " " Harris,
 " Dr. Howe,
 " Mr. Huckel,
 Noes 28.

Rev. Mr. Long,
 " " Lyman,
 " " Maxwell,
 " " Morse,
 " Dr. Morton,
 " Mr. Ogilby,
 " " Rodney,
 " " Rogers,
 " " Skinner,
 " " R. Smith,
 " Dr. Stevens,
 " Mr. Ten Broeck,
 " " Trapier,
 " " Wilmer.

LAITY.

AYES.

NOES.

Trinity, Pittsburgh,
 St. Andrew's, "
 St. Paul's, "
 St. James', "
 Christ, Reading,
 St. Thomas', Morgantown,
 St. James the Greater, Bris-
 tol,
 St. Luke's, Newtown,
 Grace, Hulmeville,
 Trinity, Centreville,
 St. Paul's, Doylestown,
 St. Peter's, Great Valley,
 St. John's, New London,
 St. Paul's, West Whiteland,
 St. Peter's, Phoenixville,
 St. James', Downingtown,
 St. Stephen's, Harrisburg,
 St. Paul's, Chester,
 St. David's, Radnor,
 St. John's, Concord,
 Calvary, Rockdale,
 St. James', Lancaster,
 All Saints, Paradise,
 St. Stephen's, Wilkesbarre,

Mr. Hill,
 " Arthurs,
 " Brunot,
 " Greis,
 " L. B. Smith,
 " Cresson
 " Harrison,
 " McDonald,
 " Jones,
 " Johnson, Mr. Thatch-
 er,
 " Brooke,
 " Gest,

Mr. Lewis,
 Mr. Eckart, Mr. Strichter,

Dr. Mendenhall,
 Mr. Elmsley,
 " Stavely,
 " Brolaakey,
 " C. Evans,

Major McVeagh,
 Mr. Wilson,
 " Beatty,

" R. S. Smith,
 " Thackara,
 " Baker, Mr. Conyng-
 ham,

" Colt,

	AYES.	NOES.
St. Luke's, Scranton,		Mr. Swift,
St. Mark's, Lewistown,	Mr. Walters,	
St. James', Perkiomen,	" Camelberry,	
Christ, Pottstown,	" Hobart, Mr. Rutter,	
Christ, Danville,		" Baldy,
Christ, Philadelphia,		" Watta,
St. Peter's, "		" Smith, Mr. Lewis
St. Paul's, "	" George,	
St. James', "	" Cabot, Mr. Yarnall,	" Wharton,
St. Andrew's, "	" Stevenson, Mr. Bohlen,	" Robins,
St. Stephen's, "		" Shippen, Mr. Wagner,
		Mr. Kirkham,
Grace, "	" Cope, Mr. Hoskins,	
Epiphany, "	" Ashhurst, Mr. Porter,	
	Mr. Powers,	
Ascension, "		" Helmsley, Mr. Thayer,
St. Luke's, "		" Welsh,
Atonement, "		" Cresson, Mr. Hand,
St. Mark's, "	" Platt,	Dr. Mutter, Mr. Cannell,
Mediator, "		" Clements, Mr. Wood-
		ward,
St. John's, N. L.,		Mr. Letford,
Advent, "	" Bachus,	" Reed, Mr. Miskey,
St. Matthew's, Francisville,	" McCalla,	
St. Philip's, S. G.,		" Cresson, Mr. Webb,
Nativity, S. G.,	" Lex,	" Thompson, Mr. Huckel,
Redemption, S. G.,		" Hyatt, Mr. J. R. C.
		Smith,
St. Jude's, S. G.,	" Payne,	
Emmanuel, Kensington,	" Shepherd,	
Messiah, "	" Graeff, Mr. McPaul,	
Zion, South Penn,	" Whittington,	
Trinity, Southwark,		" Rutter, Dr. Klapp,
Evangelists, "		" Boulton,
Gloria Dei, "		" McKay,
All Saints', Moyamensing,		" Montgom'y, Mr. Wells,
St. Luke's, Germantown,	" C. S. Smith, Mr. Lamb-	" Littell,
	din,	
Christ, "		" Scott, Mr. Lehman,
St. David's, Manayunk,		" Wagner, Mr. Crease,
St. James the Less, North		
Penn,		" Ralston, Mr. Blight,
Resurrection, Rising Sun,		Dr. Lamb,
Trinity, Oxford,		Mr. Green,
All Saints', Lower Dublin,	Dr. King,	

AYES.

Emmanuel, Holmesburg,
 St. Mark's, Frankford, Mr. F. Wharton,
 St. Mary's, West Philada., " N. B. Browne,
 St. James', Kingsessing,

St. Andrew's, West Phila., " C. Blakiston,
 Trinity, Marylandville, " Riley,
 Trinity, Pottsville,
 St. James', Schuyl. Haven, " Hill,
 Grace, Honesdale, " Z. H. Russell, Mr.
 Gunn,

St. John's, York,
 Ayes 32. Noes 40. One divided.

NOES.

Mr. Wucherer,
 " A. H. Smith, Dr. R. K.
 Smith,

" Parry, Mr. Russell,

Judge Fisher, Mr. Herman.

So the resolution was lost.

Rev. Dr. Balch, Chairman of the Committee on Clerical Support, appointed this morning, made the following report :—

The Report of the Committee, appointed by the Convention of 1853, on the increase of the salaries of the Clergy in this Diocese, together with the resolutions of the Rev. Dr. Balch, submitted to the present Convention, having been referred to the undersigned, they have agreed to recommend the following resolutions for adoption by the Convention :—

1. *Resolved*, As the sense of this Convention, that the fixed salary of a Missionary or Rector of a rural Parish or station in this Diocese, if a single man, ought in no case to be less than \$500, and if married, not less than \$750 per annum.

2. *Resolved*, That the Rectors, Wardens and Vestrymen of the several parishes be earnestly enjoined to adopt the most vigorous and systematic measures to increase the contributions of the congregations towards the Missionary Fund of the Diocese, in order to carry into effect the foregoing resolution.

3. *Resolved*, That the Right Rev. the Bishop be requested to present the subject of the inadequate support of the Clergy, to the several congregations of the Diocese, in such manner as may best accord with his judgment.

LEWIS P. W. BALCH,
 H. W. DUCACHET,
 J. P. B. WILMER,
 WM. WELSH,
 JOHN C. CRESSON.

The vote being taken on each of the above resolutions, they were severally and unanimously adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Spackman offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Convention the Clergy ought to set forth the claims of this subject on the attention of the people irrespective of their own personal interest, and in the principles enunciated in the sentences read in the offertory of the Communion office.

The Committee on Charters presented the following report :

Resolved, That the applications of Grace Church, Loudersville, Great Bend, and St. Peter's Church, Pittsburgh, for union with this Convention, have not been sustained by any authentic evidence to authorize this Committee to submit them to the Convention, there being no *original* signers to the Charters offered, but the whole being merely *copies* of Charters and names; and they, therefore, ask to be discharged from their further consideration.

J. C. CLAY, Chairman.

On motion adjourned.

WM. BACON STEVENS, *Secretary*.

Friday morning, May 19th, 1854.

After Divine Service, Convention came to order. The calling of the roll was dispensed with. The minutes of yesterday afternoon were read and approved.

The Rev. Dr. Bowman offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That on or before the 1st day of October next, there shall be paid to the Treasurer of this Convention, by each Parish in connection therewith, a sum equal to — per cent. on the salary of the Rector or Minister thereof—to be applied forthwith, according to the discretion of the Committee hereafter named, to the objects and purposes following, viz: 1st. To the use and benefit of those clergymen engaged in parochial work, whose income is less than \$500 per annum. And 2nd. To other poor and deserving clergymen, and to the destitute widows and children of clergymen deceased.

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed, of whom the Bishop and Treasurer of this body shall be members, to see that the duties and purposes of the foregoing resolution be promptly and faithfully executed.

Judge Stroud offered the following as a substitute for the first resolution :

That a sum be assessed upon the Parishes of the Diocese, at the rate of three cts. per week, for each communicant—that it be the duty of the several vestries to collect the same in such a manner as they may deem best—and that the quota of each Parish so ascertained, be charged weekly upon each vestry, who shall pay the same over every month to such Committee or Committees as may be provided to receive the same.

Rev. Mr. Spackman moved to refer the whole subject to a Committee for immediate report.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Buchanan, the whole subject was laid on the table.

On motion of Rev. D. Washburn, it was

Resolved, That the Committee of which the Rev. Dr. Balch is Chairman, be continued to consult and advise with the Bishop at his pleasure in the practical application of their resolutions as adopted yesterday, and report at the next Convention.

On motion of Mr. F. Wharton,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Rev. Mr. Smith for his very appropriate and excellent sermon delivered on Wednesday morning.

Rev. Mr. Lightner moved to take up the resolutions appended to the report of the Committee appointed to inquire whether the words of the 4th article of the Constitution (line 5) &c., *vide* last Journal, p. 60, which resolution was adopted.

Rev. Mr. Lightner then offered the following as a substitute :

1. *Resolved*, That the Constitution of this Diocese be altered as follows :

In the 4th article (line 17 p. 10, ed. 1851,) after the words " United States" and before the words " shall be," *insert* " or otherwise employed in the work of the ministry according to the order of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and with the sanction of the Ecclesiastical authority."

2. *Resolved*, That the 6th Canon of this Diocese be altered as follows :

In the last line of p. 23, ed. 1851, immediately after the words " some Parish in this Diocese" *insert* " or is to be otherwise employed in the work of the ministry according to the order of the Protestant Episcopal Church and with the sanction of the Ecclesiastical authority."

The alteration of the Constitution was approved.

On motion of Mr. G. M. Wharton the alteration of the Canon was postponed to the next Convention.

Rev. Mr. Stone, from the Committee appointed to compile and draw up a manual of laws and canons which shall define the duties, rights and regulations of vestries in this Diocese, presented the following report, which was ordered to be printed and to lie over till the next Convention :

The Committee appointed " to compile and draw up a manual of laws and canons which shall define the duties, rights and regulations of vestries in this Diocese, beg leave to offer the following report :

1st. They would recommend as the first article of this manual, the " Charter of Incorporation adopted by the Convention and referred to in Regulation v. p. 36 of the Constitution of the Diocese.

Art. 2nd. The duties of Wardens and Vestrymen.

It shall be the duty of the Vestry to take charge of the property of the Church; to regulate all its temporal concerns ; to elect a Rector, or Minister thereof, (except when the Charter shall otherwise provide)—to provide for their support and well being ; to keep order in the Church during the celebration of Divine Service; and, in general, to act as helpers to the Rector, or Ministers, in whatever is appropriate to laymen for the furtherance of the Gospel,—it being understood always, that the spiritual concerns of the Parish are under the exclusive control of the Rector, in subordination to the ecclesiastical authority and laws of the Diocese.

It shall be the special duty of the Wardens, to cause to be provided, the furniture of the Church and its Chancel, and, with the approval of the Rector, arrange the same ; and to provide such vestments as the Rector may require; the proper books, and all things necessary and convenient for the due celebration of Divine Service ; the bread and wine for the Holy Communion—to collect the alms at the administration of the same, and to keep and disburse such alms, while the Parish is destitute of a Rector or Minister ; and, during such destitution of a Rector or Minister, to provide for the due celebration of Divine Service, by procuring the services of other clergymen, or by the use of Lay reading, as circumstances may permit and the Canons of the Church authorize.

It shall also be the duty of the Wardens, if desired by the Rector, to act as his advisers in parochial affairs ; to cause the Church, Rectory and other buildings to be kept in good repair ; and the Churchyard and other grounds in good order, and to use diligence that no property of the Parish suffer from injury or neglect.

It shall be the duty of the Rector's Warden to preside, in the absence of the Rector, at all meetings of the Vestry, and either Warden shall perform such other duties as the Vestry may assign to him respectively.

Art. 3rd. The representation of Parishes in the Convention.*

No church shall be admitted a member of this Convention, which does not, by its charter or articles of association, expressly accede to the constitution, canons, doctrines, discipline and worship, of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and to the constitution and canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese.

Each regularly established Protestant Episcopal Church in this State, now a member, or which shall hereafter be admitted a member of the Convention, may send to the Convention a lay deputy or deputies, not exceeding three in number, to be elected by the vestry of the said church: *Provided* that no person shall be competent to serve as deputy, unless he has been a worshipper in the church he represents, six calendar months next before his election.

When two or more churches are united under one vestry, deputies may be sent from each church, subject to the proviso aforesaid.

The deputation from each church shall be entitled to one vote and no more.

No deputation from any church shall be entitled to a vote at the same Convention at which the church shall be admitted as a member.

When any church which has been admitted a member of the Convention of this Diocese, shall, for three years, have made no parochial report to the same, no missionary report being made in its behalf, and, during the same period, shall neither have employed a clergyman as its parish minister, nor requested of the Bishop to have the services of a missionary, the said church shall no longer have a right to send a deputy or deputies to this Convention; and it shall be the duty of the Convention to declare the same. But any such church shall again acquire that right if in its application, accompanied by a report of its condition satisfactory on the points herein mentioned, the Convention shall agree thereto; and this right shall take effect from and after the rising of the Convention so agreeing.

Art 4th. Of the evidence of appointment of Lay Deputies to the Convention.†

The appointment of Lay Deputies to the Convention of this Diocese shall be certified in writing by a warden, or two vestrymen, of the proper church; and the certificate shall state, that the deputy or each deputy named in it, if the certificate be for more than one, is, and has also been for not less than six months before the time of his election, a worshipper in the church or parish he is deputed to represent. And no other certificate or evidence of the appointment of any lay deputy or deputies to the Convention of this Diocese shall be allowed or received. The certificate shall be in duplicate, and one copy forwarded to the Secretary of the Convention, the other given to the lay deputies.

Art. 5th. *Of the admission of a Church or congregation into union with the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese.‡*

Szo. I. To entitle a church or congregation to admission into union with the

* See Section 4th of the Constitution.

† See Canon 11th of the Constitution.

‡ See Canon 13th of the Constitution.

Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, it shall be required that the vestry submit to the Convention the original articles of association; or if incorporated, their original charter, or a copy thereof, duly authenticated, according to law: and that it shall appear therein, that such church or congregation accedes to the constitution, canons, doctrines, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and to the constitution and canons of this Diocese: and it shall appear further, that the said act of association or charter, has been submitted to the Bishop and Standing Committee, and by them respectively approved; or if the approbation of either the Bishop or Standing Committee, or both, is withheld, he or they shall report to the Convention, with the articles of association or charter, the reasons of his or their disapprobation.

Sec. II. The Convention shall refer the whole matter and documents of cases of this kind, to a committee of three clerical and three lay members of the same, to be appointed as soon after the organizing of the Convention as conveniently may be, who shall make report thereon to the Convention for its final determination.

Art. 6th. *Election of Wardens and Vestry.**

Art. 7th. *Meetings of the Rector, Wardens and Vestry.*

Meetings of the Vestry may be called by the Rector, or, in his absence, by the Rector's Warden; and the Rector, or, in his absence, the Rector's Warden, shall call meetings at the request of any three members of the Vestry.

Any Vestry may adopt rules or by-laws for their own meetings and government, which do not conflict with the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese, or with the Articles of this Manual.

Art. 8th. *Of the Election and Institution of Ministers into Parishes or Churches.†*

Sec. I. It is hereby required, that on the election of a minister into any church or parish, the vestry shall deliver, or cause to be delivered to the Bishop, or where there is no Bishop, to the Standing Committee of the Diocese, notice, of the same, in the following form, or to this effect:

"We, the Churchwardens (or, in case of an assistant minister, We, the Rector and Churchwardens,) do certify to the Rt. Rev. (*naming the Bishop*), or to the Rev. (*naming the President of the Standing Committee*), that (*naming the person*) has been duly chosen Rector (or, assistant minister, *as the case may be*) of (*naming the parish or church, or churches.*") Which certificate shall be signed with the names of those who certify.

Sec. 2. And if the clergyman removing to another Diocese, and being called to take charge of a parish or congregation within such diocese, present the testimonial as required by Canon VII. of 1850, it shall be the duty of the ecclesiastical

* See Sections 5th, 7th and 8th of the form of charter in Article 1st of this Manual: in addition to which, it is recommended, in all cases, when possible, that the Wardens and Vestrymen be communicants.

† See Canon 14th of 1853, General Convention.

authority of the diocese to which he has removed, to accept it, unless the Bishop, or where there is no Bishop, the Standing Committee shall have heard rumors that he or they believe to be well founded, against the character of the clergyman concerned which would form a proper ground of canonical inquiry and presentment, in which case the ecclesiastical authority shall communicate the same to the Bishop or Standing Committee of the Diocese to whose jurisdiction the said clergyman belongs; and in such cases, it shall not be the duty of the ecclesiastical authority to accept the testimonial, unless and until the clergyman shall be excommunicated from the said charges.

SEC. 3. If the Bishop or the Standing Committee be satisfied that the person so chosen is a qualified minister of this church, the Bishop, or the President of the Standing Committee, shall transmit the said certificate to the Secretary of the Convention, who shall record it in a book, to be kept by him for that purpose.

SEC. 4. But if the Bishop or the Standing Committee be not satisfied as above, he or they shall, at the instance of the parties, proceed to inquire into the sufficiency of the person so chosen, according to such rules as may be made in the respective dioceses, and shall confirm or reject the appointment, as the issue of that inquiry may be.

SEC. 5. And if the minister be a presbyter, the Bishop or President of the Standing Committee may, at the instance of the vestry, proceed to have him instituted, according to the office established by this church, if that office be used in the diocese. But if he be a deacon, the act of institution shall not take place until after he shall have received priest's orders. This provision concerning the use of the office of institution, is not to be considered as applying to any congregation destitute of a house of worship.

*Art. 9th. Of Differences between Ministers and their Congregations.**

In cases of controversy between ministers who now, or may hereafter hold the rectorship of churches or parishes, and the vestry or congregation of such churches or parishes, which controversies are of such a nature as cannot be settled by themselves, the parties, or either of them, shall make application to the Bishop of the Diocese, or in case there be no Bishop, to the Convention of the same. And if it appear to the Bishop and a majority of the presbyters, convened after a summons of the whole belonging to the diocese, or, if there be no Bishop, to the Convention or Standing Committee of the Diocese, if the authority should be committed to them by the Convention, that the controversy has proceeded to such lengths as to preclude all hope of its favorable termination, and that a dissolution of the connection which exists between them is indispensably necessary to restore the peace, and promote the prosperity of the church, the Bishop and his said presbyters, or, if there be no Bishop, the Convention or the Standing Committee of the Diocese, if the authority should be committed to them by the Convention, shall recommend to such ministers to relinquish their titles to their rectorship, on such conditions as may appear reasonable and proper to the Bishop and his said Presbyters, or, if there be no Bishop, to the Convention, or the Standing Committee of

* See Canon 34th of 1832, General Convention.

the Diocese, if the authority should be committed to them by the Convention.— And if such rectors or congregations refuse to comply with such recommendation, the Bishop and his said presbyters, or, if there be no Bishop, the Convention, or the Standing Committee of the Diocese, if the authority should be committed to them by the Convention, with the aid and consent of a Bishop, may, at their discretion, proceed, according to the Canons of the Church, to suspend the former from the exercise of any ministerial duties within the diocese, and prohibit the latter from a seat in the Convention until they retract such refusal, and submit to the terms of the recommendation; and any minister so suspended shall not be permitted, during his suspension, to exercise any ministerial duties. This Canon shall apply also to the cases of assistant ministers and their congregations.

Art. 10th. *Of the Officiating Ministers of this Church, and of the Formation of Parishes within the Parochial Cures of other Clergymen.**

SEC. 1. No minister belonging to this church shall officiate, either by preaching, reading prayers, or otherwise, in the parish or within the parochial cure of another clergyman, unless he have received express permission for that purpose from the minister of the parish or cure, or, in his absence, from the churchwardens, vestrymen, or trustees of the congregation or a majority thereof.

SEC. 2. Where parish boundaries are not defined by law or otherwise, they shall, for the purposes of the foregoing section, be settled and defined by the civil divisions of the State as follows:—1. If a city, village, town, township, or incorporated borough, or any ward, district, or other subdivision of either of the same, shall contain but one church or congregation, the minister having charge of such church or congregation shall be deemed to have the parochial cure within the same. 2. Any city, village, town, township, or incorporated borough, or the smallest subdivision of either of the same, in which there are two or more churches or congregations, shall be deemed the parochial cure of the ministers of such churches or congregations, and the assent of a majority of such ministers shall be necessary.

SEC. 3. If any minister of the church, from inability or any other cause, neglect to perform the regular services to his congregation, and refuse, without good cause, his consent to any other minister of the church to officiate within his cure, the churchwardens, vestrymen, or trustees of such congregation shall, on proof of such neglect or refusal before the Bishop of the Diocese, or, if there be no Bishop, before the Standing Committee, or before such persons as may be deputed by him or them, or before such persons as may be, by the regulations of this church in any diocese, vested with the power of hearing and deciding on complaints against clergymen, have power, with the written consent of the before-mentioned authority, to open the doors of their church to any regular minister of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

SEC. 4. A new parish may be established, or a new church or congregation organized, within the limits of any parish whose limits are prescribed by express

* See Canon 9th of 1853, General Convention.

law, or otherwise, or within the limits of any city, town, village, or incorporated borough, or any civil subdivision of either of the same, in the following manner:—1 Upon the written consent of the minister or rector having charge of a church or congregation within such limits, where there shall be but one church or congregation, with a minister in charge thereof, or of the wardens and vestry of said church or congregation, or a majority thereof, where such church or congregation is without a minister. 2. Where there are more churches or congregations than one, and less than four, within such limits, upon the written consent of a majority of such ministers. 3. And where the number of such churches or congregations shall exceed three, then, upon the written consent of the ministers of the two churches or congregations whose places of public worship shall be nearest to the place proposed as the place of worship of such new parishioners. The written consent in the preceding cases shall be filed with the Secretary of the Standing Committee. 4. In each of the preceding cases the consent, in writing of the ecclesiastical authority must be given to the establishment of such new parish. 5. If the consent of the minister or ministers aforesaid is denied or withheld, application may be made to the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese for the establishment of such new parish, of which application one month's previous notice shall be given to the minister or ministers whose consent is so denied or withheld. The decision of the ecclesiastical authority, if in favor of the application, shall be final; but if otherwise, the case shall be reported to the Convention of the Diocese (with the reasons for withholding an assent) for the final action of that body.

*Art. 11th. Of the Dissolution of all Pastoral Connection between Ministers and their Congregations.**

Sec. 1. When any minister has been regularly instituted or settled in a parish or church, he shall not be dismissed without the concurrence of the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese; and in case of his dismissal without such concurrence the vestry or congregation of such parish or church shall have no right to a representation in the Convention of the Diocese, until they have made such satisfaction as the Convention may require. Nor shall any minister leave his congregation against their will, without the concurrence of the ecclesiastical authority aforesaid; and if he shall leave them without such concurrence, he shall not be allowed to take a seat in any Convention of this Church, or be eligible into any church or parish, until he shall have made such satisfaction as the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese may require.

Sec. 2. In case of the regular and canonical dissolution of the connection between a minister and his congregation, the Bishop, or, if there be no Bishop, the Standing Committee, shall direct the Secretary of the Convention to record the same. But if the dissolution of the connection between any minister and his congregation be not regular or canonical, the Bishop or Standing Committee shall lay

* See Canon 33, of 1832, General Convention.

the same before the Convention of the Diocese, in order that the above mentioned penalties may take effect.

This Canon shall not be obligatory upon those dioceses with whose usages, laws, or charters, it interferes.

*Art. 12th. Of the Officiating of Persons not Ministers of this Church.**

No person shall be permitted to officiate in any congregation of this church, without first producing the evidences of his being a minister thereof, to the minister, or, in case of vacancy or absence, to the churchwardens, vestrymen, or trustees of the congregation.

Art. 13th. Of Removal of Communicants from one Parish to another.†

A communicant removing from one parish to another shall procure from the rector (if any) of the parish of his last residence, or if there be no rector, from one of the wardens, a certificate stating that he or she is a communicant in good standing, and the rector of the parish or congregation to which he or she removes shall not be required to receive him or her as a communicant until such letter be produced.

Art. 14th. Of Episcopal Visitations.‡

Sec. 1. Every Bishop in this church shall visit the churches within his Diocese, for the purpose of examining the state of his church, inspecting the behavior of his clergy, ministering the Word, and, if he think fit, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, to the people committed to his charge, and administering the apostolic Rite of Confirmation. And it is deemed proper that such visitation be made once in three years, at least, by every Bishop to every church within his diocese, which shall make provision for defraying the necessary expenses of the Bishop at such visitation. And it is hereby declared to be the duty of the minister and vestry of every church or congregation to make such provision accordingly.

Sec. 2. But it is to be understood that to enable the Bishop to make the aforesaid visitation, it shall be the duty of the clergy in such reasonable rotation as may be devised, to officiate for him in any parochial duties which may belong to him.

Art. 15th. On the use and control of Churches and Chapels.

No church or chapel in this diocese shall be used for any other purpose than Divine worship, as established by the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, or for the meetings therein, of the Convention of this Diocese, or of the General Convention.

Art. 16th. Of vacant Parishes.§

Sec. 6. No clergyman shall officiate transiently in a vacant parish, or in one

* See Canon 36, of 1832, General Convention.

† See Canon 13th, of 1853, General Convention.

‡ See Canon 4th, of 1850, General Convention.

§ See Canon 7th, Section 6th of 1850, General Convention, and the 7th "Revised Regulation" of the Constitution.

the rector or minister of which is sick or absent, unless the wardens or vestry are satisfied he is at the time a clergyman in good and regular standing. When from another diocese, letters commendatory from the ecclesiastical authority thereof may be required.

It is earnestly recommended, that in every instance where a church is unprovided with a pastor, a standing subscription shall be prepared, which, with the pew rents, after defraying necessary repairs, shall be set apart as a fund for the support of a pastor, when duly elected and settled; and the profits and rents of glebes, so far as is consistent with the will of the donors, shall be applied in like manner, the capital and accumulating interest to be invested from time to time in public or good land securities.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH A. STONE,
HENRY W. DUCACHET, } *Committee.*
GEORGE M. WHARTON, }

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Stevens, Mr. James M. Aertsen was duly elected Treasurer of this Convention in the place of Mr. Robins, resigned.

The Rev. Dr. Stevens offered the following resolutions :—

Resolved, That Moses Kempton, William H. Newbold, John Welsh, and Thomas Robins, be and they are hereby appointed Trustees of the Christmas Fund for sick and disabled clergymen.

Resolved, That the travelling expenses of the Bishop upon Episcopal visitations for the current year be paid out of the Convention Fund.

Resolved, That the sum of \$350 be and the same is hereby appropriated towards paying the travelling expenses of clergymen, delegates to the Convention, whose parishes have contributed to the fund the current year, and the Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay the same, *pro rata*, according to their actual expenses.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Ducachet, it was

Resolved, That the next Annual Convention be held in St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia, on the 3d Tuesday of May, 1854, at 5 o'clock, P. M.

On motion of Judge Stroud, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Convention shall report to the Convention at its first meeting annually, the subjects of unfinished business of the preceding year.

The Secretary called the attention of the Convention to the IVth Canon, with regard to the Convention Fund, whereupon the roll of the clergy having charge of parish-

es was called, in obedience to the said Canon, upon which the following clergymen replied that they had made the collections required :—

Rev. Henry H. Bean,	" Wm. White Montgomery,
" Archibald Beatty,	" Henry J. Morton, D. D.,
" Samuel Bowman, D. D.,	" Sylvester Nash,
" Henry Brown,	" G. W. Natt,
" Edward Y. Buchanan,	" Richard Newton, D. D.,
" Samuel A. Clark,	" Wm. H. Odenheimer,
" Jehu C. Clay, D. D.,	" Frederick Ogilby,
" Samuel Clements,	" Wm. H. Paddock,
" Charles D. Cooper,	" R. O. Page,
" Nathaniel E. Cornwall,	" Wm. S. Perkins,
" Thomas Crumpton,	" Geo. Lewis Platt,
" Benjamin J. Douglass,	" Azariah Prior,
" George C. Drake,	" Charles W. Quick,
" Richard B. Duane,	" Samuel Randall,
" Henry W. Ducachet, D. D.,	" John Rodney,
" George A. Durborow,	" Joshua M. Rodgers,
" Joseph J. Elsegood,	" Joel Rudderow,
" George C. Field,	" Peter Russell,
" G. C. Foote,	" Gardner M. Skinner,
" B. Franklin,	" Joseph H. Smith,
" Kingston Goddard,	" Wm. Bacon Stevens, D. D.,
" G. Emlen Hare, D. D.,	" Joseph A. Stone,
" Marmaduke Hirst,	" Joseph P. Taylor,
" M. A. DeWolfe Howe, D. D.,	" Richard Temple,
" Wm. S. Huckel,	" C. West Thomson,
" George Kirke,	" Anthony Ten Broeck,
" Edmund Leaf,	" Henry Tullidge,
" Milton C. Lightner,	" Alexander Varian,
" John Long,	" George H. Walsh,
" A. Augustus Marple,	" Daniel Washburn,
" Edward Mendenhall,	" W. E. Webb,
" G. D. Miles,	" F. S. Wiley,
" George Mintzer,	" J. P. B. Wilmer,
" Henry E. Montgomery,	" Thomas C. Yarnall.

On motion of Mr. J. C. Montgomery, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be returned to the Directors of the Athenæum and the Academy of the Fine Arts, for their kind invitation to visit their respective Institutions.

the rector or minister of which is sick or absent, unless the ward is satisfied he is at the time a clergyman in good and regular standing in another diocese, letters commendatory from the ecclesiastical authorities be required.

It is earnestly recommended, that in every instance provided with a pastor, a standing subscription shall be provided for the repair of the church, after defraying necessary repairs, shall be the support of a pastor, when duly elected and settled; glebes, so far as is consistent with the will of the donor, in the manner, the capital and accumulating interest to be applied to public or good land securities.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH A.
HENRY W.
GEORGE

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Stevens, Dr. S. was duly elected Treasurer in place of Mr. Robins, resigned.

The Rev. Dr. Stevens,

tions:—

Resolved, That Moses Kempton, as Robins, be and they are hereby sick and disabled clergymen.

Resolved, That the travelling for the current year be paid of

Resolved, That the sum of wards paying the travelling whose parishes have contributed is hereby authorized to pay

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Resolved, That at its first meeting year.

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Rev. Dr. Hare, it was

with Revised Regulation be referred to a Committee to next Convention.

Resolved, That Hare, Rev. Dr. Ducachet, and Mr. J. S. appointed the Committee.

The Secretary of the Rev. Dr. Ducachet, it was

to the IV whereupon after reading the rough minutes, and the usual devotional exercises, the Convention adjourn sine die.

Report at the next Convention of the Con-

Dr. Hare, Mr. G. M.

.. Paddock, it was

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ymen replied that they had made the

Secretary.

" Wm. White Montgomery,
" Henry J. Morton, D. D.,
" Sylvester Nash,
" G. W. Nall,
Richard Newton, D. D.,
" H. Odenheimer,
" Dick Ogilby,
Paddock,

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On motion of the Rev. Mr. Odenheimer, it was

Resolved, That 750 copies of the Journal of this Convention be printed for the use of the house, and that the Secretary be authorized, in transmitting the Journals, to draw on the Treasurer for the postage.

The Rev. Dr. Newton offered the following resolution :—

Resolved, That Canon VII. page 24, line 1st, 1851, be altered by introducing, after the words—" At every Stated Convention," the words—*next before the meeting of the General Convention*; and also, that Canon XV. be altered, by introducing in the third line, after the words—" this Diocese," the words—*next before the meeting of the General Convention*; and, by striking out the word "next," in fourth line of said Canon, and introducing after the words " Stated Convention," the words—*next before the meeting of the General Convention*.

The consideration of these resolutions was postponed to the next Convention.

On motion of Mr. G. M. Wharton, it was

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to report at the next Convention for its consideration, an order of business for the government of the Convention.

The Chair appointed the Rev. Dr. Hare, Mr. G. M. Wharton, and Mr. Lex.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Paddock, it was

Resolved, That the Thanks of the Convention be presented to the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Andrew's Church, for the use of the same during the session of this Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Hare, it was

Resolved, That the Fourth Revised Regulation be referred to a Committee to report thereon at the next Convention.

Rev. Dr. Hare, Rev. Dr. Ducachet, and Mr. J. S. Smith, were appointed the Committee.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Ducachet, it was

Resolved, That after reading the rough minutes, and the usual devotional exercises, the Convention adjourn *sine die*.

The rough minutes were then read and approved, when after singing the 107th selection of Psalms, and an address and prayers by the Bishop,

The Convention adjourned *sine die*.

WM. BACON STEVENS, *Secretary*.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Report of the Rev. Thomas G. Allen, Philadelphia.

The Lord has graciously and wonderfully sustained and blessed me in my missionary efforts, &c., during another Conventional year.

Up to this date, in preaching, lecturing, &c., I have officiated on 223 occasions. I have officiated or assisted in the services of the Church, when I have not lectured or preached, on 6 occasions. I have administered or assisted in the administration of the Lord's Supper on 13 occasions. I have baptized 47 persons. I have married 41 couples. I have officiated on 46 funeral occasions.

During the year up to March 12th, my pastoral visits have been 754—of that number 747 to the sick and afflicted; also, I have conversed and prayed with individuals in my house on 81 occasions.

I have distributed a few Bibles, New Testaments and Prayer Books, and 35,920 pages of Tracts, in which is included 17,124 pages of the Tract, "Morning and Evening Prayers for Children and Youth," &c. I have also been instrumental in circulating 7,415 practical and experimental publications and parts of religious periodicals at a low price or gratuitously.

My monthly appointments at the Widow's Asylum, also my weekly appointments in the Magdalen Asylum, and at my own house, are continued. On other occasions I have officiated, during the week and on the Lord's day, in the city and county of Philadelphia, or in other places more or less remote, as the Lord in his providence has directed. I have generally been enabled to preach or lecture four or five times each week.

My poor's purse, &c., has been the means of imparting relief on many occasions during the year to the poor and afflicted.

Report of the Rev. Charles Arey, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Erie, Erie County.

Baptisms, adults 1, infants 14, total 15; confirmed 14; communicants, removed 9, died 2, added 19, present number 88; holy communion administered monthly and on the greater festivals; Sunday school teachers 12; scholars about 70; marriages 11; burials 13; contributions, Advancement Society \$21 53, Church building \$27 43.

The growth of the parish is seriously impeded from having no corporate existence in law. Of this most are now so well persuaded that we hope to effect a change for the better during the coming year. One of the evils of our present condition is, that it effectually prevents, in a way which parishioners at least can understand, much being done for missions. Hence the small amount above reported for missionary objects.

Report of Lewis R. Ashhurst and Frederick W. Porter, Wardens of the Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1854.

Congregation, families 300, adults 800, children 600, total 1400; baptisms, adults 6, infants 38, total 44; confirmed 24; communicants, added 23, died or removed 30, present number 504; marriages 14; burials 28; public services, on Sundays 100, other days 63, total 163; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 26, pupils 278, female 1, teachers 32, pupils 382, total, schools 2, teachers 58, pupils 660; Bible classes 3, members 76 (included above); collections, Episcopal Fund \$150, Convention \$80, Missionary and other purposes \$8683 98.

Our congregation has been called, during the year past, to endure a deep affliction and most heavy loss in the sickness and death of our late beloved Rector.

The Parish since September last, and up to this date, has been under the charge of the Rev. George H. Walsh, assistant to the Rector.

Report of the Rev. Lewis P. W. Balch, D. D., Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester.

Congregation, families holding pews 40; baptisms, adults 2, infants 9, total 11; confirmed 8; communicants, added 14, died or removed 11, suspended 2, present number 72; marriages 9; burials 8; public services 149; children catechized 11 times; Sunday school, male teachers 5, female 7, male scholars 35, female 60, total, teachers 12, scholars 95; collections \$388.

The Parish owns a Rectory. There is a mortgage for \$333 on the church building which cannot be liquidated during the lifetime of the party holding it. Rector's salary \$600, all paid.

The pupils attached to several Boarding Schools attend the services of this church.

The Rector has also held occasional services at other places in the County destitute of stated ministrations.

Report of the Rev. Henry H. Bean, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Harrisburg.

Baptisms, adult 1, infants 5, total 6; confirmed 7; communicants, added 8, died or removed 2, present number 66; marriages 7; burials 6; public services, on Sundays 102, other days 28, total 130; children catechized 8 times; schools 2, teachers 7, pupils 60; collections, Episcopal Fund \$22 21, Convention Fund \$13 75, Missionary and other purposes \$2861, total \$2896 96.

Property other than the church building and lot owned by the Parish, a lot for a parsonage; amount of indebtedness of the church of the Parish none; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$800; arrears of salary none.

The temporal condition of the parish has been much improved since the last report. A lot of ground, beautifully and eligibly situated, has been purchased, on which to erect a parsonage. The cost of the lot was \$1600, which has all been paid, and a deed obtained. One thousand dollars had been raised for that object before the present Rector took charge of the Parish. During the past winter a further effort was made by the ladies of the congregation, and by their laudable and praiseworthy exertions, and by contributions and subscriptions, the sum of \$2000 has been secured. A beautiful plan has been drawn and presented to the church by the accomplished architect, S. D. Button, Esq., of Philadelphia. It is intended to make a contract and commence the work of erecting the building as soon as we may find it practicable.

Of the spiritual condition of the church a less favorable report must be given. There are some who are ardent, faithful and zealous in their Master's service; but too many exhibit a sad indifference to moral and religious obligation, and especially to the paramount claims of Christ and the Church. The Sunday school languishes for want of teachers, and a low appreciation is apparently formed for the weekly service and the ordinary means of grace.

Report of the Rev. F. W. Beasley, Rector of All Saints' Church, 23rd Ward, Philadelphia, and of Christ Chapel, Oak Grove, Bucks County, Pa.

Baptisms, adults 7, infants 6, total 13; confirmed 8; communicants, added 7, died 1, removed 2, present number between 50 and 60; Sunday schools 2, one at All Saints', one at the Chapel; public

services, on Sunday, every morning at All Saints', every afternoon at the Chapel; I have also held services during the winter at the houses of some of my parishioners; they were well attended; the experience, not only of last winter but of many years, has satisfied me of the usefulness of such pastoral labors.

Collections at All Saints', subscriptions for building a new church \$5,600, Missions, Domestic \$26 18, Foreign \$21 06, Indian Mission \$8 70, Advancement Society \$5, Diocesan Missionary Society \$5, Bishop Kemper's Missions \$23, Episcopal Hospital, May 15 \$6 73, and September 4th \$17 15, total for Hospital \$23 88; Fund for Disabled Clergymen \$30 91, Episcopal Fund \$5, for Sunday school library \$9 59, Female Tract Society \$6 84, Sunday school library \$6, total at All Saints' \$5766 16.

Collections at Oak Grove at the Chapel, for current expenses each Sunday, total \$51 31; Jan. 1, for Sunday school \$1 29, for same object, May 7, \$1 96; total collections at Chapel \$54 56.

In my last report I mentioned that the Vestry intended to improve our venerable church. It has since been judged expedient to erect a new church. My salary is \$800, and it could not be more promptly paid.

Report of the Rev. A. Beatty, Rector of the Parish of Trinity Church, Carbondale, Luzerne County.

Congregation, families 43, adults 95, children 40, total 135; baptisms, infants 2; confirmed 2; communicants, added 6, present number 41; marriages 1; burials 2; public services, in the church of the Parish on Sundays 58, other days 14; preached out of the Parish at Convocations, &c., 5 times; making in all 79 sermons, besides 8 extempore addresses.

Sunday schools 1, teachers 12, pupils 50; Bible classes, male 1, pupils 15 (held on Sunday morning before service), female 1, pupils 12 (held on Sunday afternoon), total, Bible classes 2, pupils 27; in addition to these classes which are taught by myself, I meet with the Sunday school teachers every Friday evening, to consider the lesson for the ensuing Sunday.

Collections, Episcopal Fund \$5, Convention Fund \$5, Bishop White Prayer Book Society \$10, Female Prayer Book Society \$4, Diocesan Missionary Society \$10, Communion alms \$21, Bible class library \$13, Missionary collection in Sunday school \$5 58, Parish purposes \$84 56, total \$158 41.

This Parish owns no other property than the church building and lot; on the latter there is a long standing debt, now amounting with

interest to \$314. The amount of salary which the clergyman is entitled to receive is \$600 per annum; the same is punctually paid.

The above report only embraces the statistics of this Parish since October the 30th, 1853, at which time I became its Rector. Previous to that period the Parish was vacant for nearly two years. It had lost by removal some of its most active and efficient families; the love of others had grown cold, and the hearts of those who remained faithful to our Scriptural and beloved Church were greatly discouraged. Under these circumstances I entered upon my labors here, and they have been blessed far beyond any expectations of mine. Our pews are all rented. A Missionary Society has been organized in the Parish which supersedes the old plan of taking up special collections, and a very creditable sum has been subscribed. The ladies have formed "a Sewing Circle," having for its object the erection of a parsonage, and are actively engaged in their "labor of love." For our temporal prosperity we have much cause to be thankful. Our spiritual condition is far below the standard which our hearts earnestly desire to attain.

Report of the Rev. James Bonnar, B. D.

The undersigned respectfully reports that, since the date of his last report he has continued in the regular discharge of his duties as one of the Masters in the Academy of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the City of Philadelphia; that, since the first of July, A. D. 1853, he has assisted in celebrating, or has himself celebrated, Divine Service every day; and that he has baptized four children (sick), not otherwise reported.

Report of the Rev. Samuel Bowman, D. D., Rector of St. James' Church, Lancaster, Lancaster County.

Baptisms, infants 31; communicants, added 12, died or removed 22, present number 145; marriages 10; burials 18; services, on Sundays 104, other days 37, total 141; Sunday school teachers 13, pupils 130; Bible classes 2; arrangements have just been made for the weekly catechizing of the children; collections, Episcopal Fund \$26 30, Christmas Fund \$45, Convention Fund \$27, Society for Advancement of Christianity \$25; the monthly offerings amounting to \$93 27, are distributed between the Society for the Advancement of Christianity and the Domestic and Foreign branches of our missions; total \$216 67.

The Rector's salary \$1100, is promptly and punctually paid; there is no debt upon the church, or so small as not to be worth naming.

The Parish schools continue in successful operation. They contain now about 140 pupils, under seven teachers and assistant teachers. The "Orphan Asylum" and the humble "Home" provided for a few aged and infirm people continue their useful and charitable work. On Thanksgiving Day about \$300 in money, provisions and clothing, were sent in for their use by our benevolent citizens.

The Free Church of St. John, the corner-stone of which was laid April 17, 1858, has been so far completed that we were able to hold service in it on Easter day of this year. The Rector of St. James' is for the present also Rector of St. John's, assisted by the Rev. H. A. Coit, who also conducts the Classical department of our Church schools. The convictions in which this Church originated have been strengthened and confirmed by time. Everything is yet in the feebleness of infancy; but the enterprise starts under promising auspices, and we humbly hope that God may bless it with a long career of extensive usefulness. The nave being unfinished we make use of the basement. At no distant day we hope to see it finished, cleared of debt, and prepared for consecration. The Sunday school, under the Rev. Mr. Coit, continues in active and successful operation.

On the 22d of January, Messrs. Henry A. Coit, Daniel Kendig and John Williamson—all at that time employed in teaching in our parochial schools—were admitted by the Bishop of the Diocese to the Holy Order of Deacons—the last-named gentleman having been confirmed on the preceding evening. Mr. Coit remains officially connected with the schools and St. John's Church. The other gentlemen have sought other fields of labor.

Report of the Rev. Henry Brown, Rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Lower Merion, Montgomery County, and St. David's Church, Radnor, Delaware County.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER, LOWER MERION.

Congregation, families 25, adults 86, children 40, total 126; communicants 25; public services, Sundays 52, other days 9, total 61; Sunday schools 1; scholars 30, teachers 4, total 34; baptisms, adults 1, infants 2, total 3.

We commenced worshipping in our new church on the first Sunday in July last, since which time our congregation has gradually increased. The pews are nearly all taken, and we are not without manifest tokens of the Divine blessing. There is still a debt (how much I am not able accurately to state, but over a thousand dollars,) resting upon the church; we hope to be able to liquidate it, at least in part, during the coming summer. The salary \$300, is all paid.

ST. DAVID'S CHURCH, RADNOR.

Congregation, families 60, adults 175, children 86, total 261; baptisms, infants 11; communicants 50; marriages 6; burials 4; public services, on Sundays 52, other days 5, total 57; Sunday schools 1; scholars 40, teachers 5, total 45; collections, for Missions \$15, Convention Fund \$3, Parish purposes \$125.

This church is not in debt. The clergyman is entitled to receive \$450; no arrearages.

Report of the Rev. E. Y. Buchanan, Rector of All Saints' Church, Paradise, and Christ Church, Leacock, Lancaster County.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, PARADISE.

Congregation, families 36; total of individuals about 180; baptisms, adults 3, infants 28, total 31; confirmed none, the Episcopal visit having been postponed; communicants, added 4, died or removed 9, present number 45; marriages 3; burials 5; public services, on Sundays 50, other days 15, total 65; children catechized, a large part of those of the Sunday school, times frequently; Sunday schools 2; teachers 16, pupils 150; collections, Episcopal Fund \$7, Convention Fund \$5 50, Soc. Adv. of Christianity \$15, Missionary purposes \$17 87, other purposes \$26 20, total \$141 57.

Amount of indebtedness of the Church of the Parish \$141 78; to meet a considerable part of which there are uncollected pew rents and subscriptions. Amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$300; amount received \$275; arrears of salary none.

During the past year this Parish has sustained great and discouraging losses, both as to families and communicants, by removals. One of the two Sunday schools reported above was a flourishing one of about 6 teachers and 50 pupils, which was carried on through the most of the year in the town of Strasburg, where, also, I had service every few Sundays. This school, however, will now scarcely be resumed, as two of the principal ladies engaged in it have removed from Strasburg.

It will be perceived that the amount of our indebtedness has been considerably reduced within the year. This has been done by the sale of burial lots in the church-yard.

CHRIST CHURCH, LEACOCK.

Families 37; individuals about 150; baptisms 3, infants 2; confirmed none, on account of the postponement of the Episcopal visit; communicants 38; marriages 8; burials 4; public services, on Sundays

26, other days 8, total 34; Sunday school 1; teachers 7, pupils 38 (a large part of these pupils are regularly catechized); collections, Convention Fund \$5, Christmas Fund \$5, Missions \$7 64, other purposes \$25 66, total \$43 30.

Property, other &c., none; amount of indebtedness nothing. Salary \$115; arrears none.

This church continues to be in a more encouraging state than it was a few years back. The attendance on public worship, in particular, is greatly better than formerly.

Report of the Rev. Levi Bull, D. D.

During the last ecclesiastical year he has preached fifty-seven times, has attended about ten funerals, and has performed the marriage service on two occasions.

St. Mary's, St. Andrew's and St. Mark's Churches are without a pastor. The two first-mentioned churches expect to be supplied shortly.

Report of Thomas K. Bull, Warden of St. Mary's Church, St. Mary's, Chester County.

Congregation, families 40; adults 100, children 50, total 150; communicants, added 3, died or removed 4, present number 48; burials 12; Sunday school 1, teachers 6, pupils 70.

Amount of indebtedness of the Church of the Parish \$125, which amount arrangements are made for cancelling; in a short time it will be paid in full. Amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$200.

As this Parish has been without a Rector during the past year, (except for three months, viz: from July to October, when the Rev. A. Beatty had charge thereof,) the congregation is much indebted to their former Pastor, the venerable and beloved Dr. Bull, who, kindly in response to their call, has frequently ministered to them in Holy things. Associated, as we are, with St. Andrew's Church, West Vincent, and like the people thereof, deprived for a time of the regular services of the sanctuary, we fondly cherish the hope that the day is not distant when both Churches will be supplied.

Feeble as rural parishes mostly are, it can be said of few of them that they give as much as they can toward the support of the ministry of the Gospel and the Institutions of the Church. Aware of our past deficiency in this respect, and of the absolute necessity of making more ample provision for the support of the clergy and their families, not that they may live in ease but in comfort, we have felt it to be our duty to vote an increase of salary to our future Rector. This proposi-

tion was submitted on our part to the Vestry of St. Andrew's Church, and has been by them kindly and promptly met; henceforth, then, we trust that the imputation will not lie against us that we give grudgingly.

Report of the Rev. DeWitt C. Byllesby, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Montrose, Susquehanna County, and of St. Matthew's Church, Pike, Bradford County.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, MONTROSE.

Congregation, families and parts of families 33; adults 70, children 23, total 93; baptisms, infants 4; confirmed 1; communicants, added 3, removed 2, present number 27; marriages 4; burials 5; public services, on Sundays 60, other days 51, total 111; children catechized 18, times 14; collections, Convention Fund \$4, Diocesan Missionary Society \$15, Foreign Missions \$10, Episcopal Society for the West \$10, Christmas Fund \$4, Convocation Fund \$10, Church building \$10, other purposes \$38 06, total \$101 06.

Statistics of the Parish property, other than the Church building and lot, owned by the Parish, a parsonage and garden; indebtedness of the Parish none; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$200, and the use of the parsonage; salary paid half-quarterly in advance.

The foregoing report extends from the first of August last, at which time the present Rector assumed the charge. The Parish had then been vacant for nearly 18 months, and consequently was in a languishing state. Since the re-establishment of services it has revived, and the prospects are now encouraging.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, PIKE.

Congregation, families and parts of families 30; adults 50, children 30, total 80; baptisms, adults 3; confirmed 5; communicants, added 5, died or removed 3, present number 30; burials 2; public services, on Sundays 36, other days 16, total 52; Sunday school 1; pupils 30; collections, Convention Fund \$2, other purposes \$15, total \$17.

Property, other than Church building and lot owned by the Parish, none; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$125; arrears \$40.

This Parish at the time the present incumbent took charge had been vacant for almost two years, and was in a decaying condition. Death and removal had thinned out its number of communicants, and the

prospect was discouraging. But it now exhibits more signs of life, and could it have the benefit of a resident Clergyman and regular services, there is but little doubt that a flourishing Parish might be raised. In addition to the above services I have officiated at Cherry, Sullivan County, once, and baptized two infants; and also held frequent service at Springville, Susquehanna County, during its recent vacancy.

Report of Rev. John A. Childs.

Baptisms, infants 51; marriages 2; funerals 5; public services, prayers 162, sermons 47.

Up to April 1st I was engaged as Assistant at Emanuel Church, Kensington, and since that at St. Luke's, Philadelphia.

Report of the Rev. A. Christman, Pottstown, Montgomery County.

The above named, from the time of last Convention until February, 1854, continued in charge of his former school at Tamaqua, Schuylkill County, and also to officiate at St. Philip's Church, Summit Hill. He then removed to Pottstown, where he has ever since been engaged in teaching a small select school, and also in assisting the Rev. Edmund Leaf, Rector of Christ Church in that place, St. Gabriel's, Morlatten, (Douglassville,) and St. Michael's, Birdsboro'. He has either by himself celebrated, or with others assisted in celebrating, Divine service some 100 times, assisted in the administration of the Holy Communion once, married one couple, baptized one child, and buried three adults.

Report of the Rev. Samuel A. Clark, Rector of the Church of the Advent, Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1, 1854.

Baptisms, adults 12, infants 18, total 30; confirmed 16; communicants, added 31, died or removed 13, present number 207; marriages 14; burials 11; public services, on Sundays 105, other days 25, total 130; children catechized monthly; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 16, pupils 90, female 1, teachers 19, pupils 168, infant 1, teachers 2, pupils 127, total schools 3, teachers 37, pupils 385; Bible classes 2, pupils 80; collections, Episcopal Fund \$33 65, Convention Fund \$33 65, Foreign Missions \$119 50, Domestic Missions \$101 66, Diocesan Missions \$253 73, American Sunday School Union \$156, other purposes \$2368 65, total \$3266 88; Church debt, ground rent \$5333 33, mortgage \$4000, total \$9333 33; salary \$1500, paid punctually.

Report of the Rev. William H. Clark, Locust Grove, Pittsburgh.

The Rev. William H. Clark respectfully reports, that he came to this Diocese in September last, to co-operate with several gentlemen of Pittsburgh, in the establishment of a Church School for Young Ladies.

"Locust Grove Seminary," as the Institution is called, opened on the 28th of October, 1853, with 20 pupils, which number has already increased to 44, of whom 39 are now regular attendants.

As Rector of a school, his chief thought and effort have been devoted to the furtherance of its prosperity, at the same time he has been able to render assistance to the Rector of Trinity Church, or other clerical brethren, besides occasional services in a school-house at Lawrenceville. He has read the whole morning or evening service 21 times; a part of said service 53 times; assisted 12 times in the Holy Communion; baptized one infant, (reported by Rector of Trinity Church, Pittsburgh,) and preached 22 sermons.

Report of the Rev. J. C. Clay, Rector of Gloria Dei Church, Philadelphia county.

Congregation, families about 150; Baptisms, adults 3, children 111, total 114; confirmed 7; communicants, added 16, died or removed 17, present number 154; marriages 113; burials 71; public services on Sundays 112, other days 50, total 162; children catechized monthly, in the Church, except the three summer months.—Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 9, pupils 100; female 1, teachers 14, pupils 174; total, schools 2, teachers 23, pupils 274; collections, Episcopal fund \$10, Convention fund \$10, Society Advancement of Christianity \$30, missionary and other purposes \$261 65.

Statistics of Parish, same as reported in 1853, except a further reduction of the debt of the Church, being now about \$1400.

Report of the Rev. Samuel Clements, Rector of Trinity Church, Washington, Washington county.

Congregations, families or parts of families 24, adults 43, children 45, total 88; baptisms, infants 3; communicants, added 2, removed 1, present number 18; burials 4; public services, on Sundays 72, other days 17, total 89; children catechized monthly; Sunday school, teachers, male 5, female 4, total 9; scholars, male 23, female 21, total 44; collections, Foreign Missions \$16, Domestic Missions \$8, Diocesan Missions \$8 50, Convention Fund \$5,

American Sunday School Union \$2 50, Sunday school and other parochial purposes \$59, Church debt \$186, total \$285. The collections of the Sunday schools are here included. Present indebtedness of the Parish \$150. The amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive is not stated, but depends upon the subscription list; with the missionary appropriation amounts to about \$400.

Report of the Rev. John B. Clemson, Rector of St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook, Delaware county.

Baptisms, infants 10; confirmed 4; marriage 1; burials 7; communicants, added 8, died 1, total 65; collections, for Episcopal fund \$5, Convention fund \$5, Ladies' Tract Society \$5, Missions \$12 27, Sunday school and other objects \$117, total \$144 27. Service regularly on Sundays and prominent Holy days. Catechizing a frequent exercise and filial and parental duties often enjoined.

There are 80 attending Sunday school pupils, under 12 teachers, and the particular superintendence of the rector. Salary punctually paid, and parishioners generally thoughtful and kind. The Church has undergone some essential improvements. The parish is believed to be substantially improving.

Report of the Rev. H. A. Coit.

The undersigned, since the date of his admission to the Diaconate, (January 22, 1854,) has been acting as assistant to the Rev. Dr. Bowman, in St. John's Free Church. He has had superintendence of the Free Church Sunday school, which numbers 100 scholars; (about 80 in regular attendance,) and 12 teachers. He also has charge of a boy's school in connection with St. James' Parish.

Report of the Rev. J. Coleman, of Trinity Church, Philadelphia.

Congregation, about as last reported; baptisms, adults 1, infants 37, total 38; confirmed 9; communicants, last reported 330, added 16, died 8, removed 20, present number 318; marriages 30; burials 21; public services, on Sundays 115, other days 43, total 158; children catechized monthly, "openly in the Church;" Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 14, pupils 130; female 2, teachers 25, total 240; collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity \$50, Church Hospital \$153 75, Episcopal and Convention Funds \$51 90, General Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union \$30, Bishop White and Female Prayer Book Societies, and Female Tract Society \$78 77,

Missionary and other purposes, (of which \$336 35 were contributed by the Sunday schools) \$1109 93, total 1474 35. .

Report of the Rev. William C. Cooley, Rector of the Church of our Saviour.

The undersigned would report that since the 12th of June last, at which time he commenced his labors as Missionary in the districts of Moyamensing and Southwark, he has organized the Church of our Saviour, with the view of building a Church at Eighth and Reed sts., upon a lot generously given for this purpose by a pious member of the Church, now no more. The sum of \$400 has been raised to liquidate a debt resting upon the Sunday school room, which is used as our temporary house of worship. The Ladies of the various Churches in the city, have come generously forward at my instance and by their zealous and untiring efforts, raised at a Fair the noble sum of \$2000 for the *Church of our Saviour*. I have a Sunday school of over 200 scholars, which is steadily increasing in numbers and interest under an experienced and able superintendent with a body of teachers mostly communicants. I have baptized 80 persons, 77 infants, 2 children and 3 adults; solemnized 14 marriages; attended 20 funerals, and 13 persons were confirmed on Easter day by the Bishop. The number of communicants cannot be ascertained with accuracy. I have, as missionary, visited some 200 families in the field of my mission, and have in the course of this visitation become thoroughly satisfied that the one great desideratum in this field is a church. The building in which we hold our Sunday school and, also, our Parochial school, (which now consists of some 48 scholars,) is by no means suited to Divine Service, except as a temporary expedient; and unless a church be built here, and built at once, the mission will fail. The mass to whom we would fain preach the Gospel can never be reached until we provide a place where they may be gathered in.

Report of the Rev. William H. Cooper.

I beg to report that in June last I took charge of the parish of Tamaqua, with Tuscarora annexed, which I resigned in October, on the invitation of the Foreign Committee of the Board of Missions to undertake a mission to Rio Janeiro. Having been mercifully brought back to New York, in consequence of the loss of the steamship "San Francisco," in which I had taken passage, I have been lately visiting the churches in the South and West on the subject of missions to South America. At my request the Foreign Committee have granted me a respite from service of six months; during which period I trust

that, with the blessing of God, my shattered health, and that of other members of my family, may be re-established.

Report of the Rev. Charles D. Cooper, Rector of St. Philip's Church, Philadelphia.

Congregation, families 250 ; baptisms, adults 8, infants 20, total 28; confirmed 24, 4 from other Churches, total 28; communicants, added 46, died or removed 38, present number 325 ; marriages 16 ; burials 21 ; public services, on Sundays and other days 211 ; Sunday schools 4, teachers and pupils 425 ; Bible classes 2, members 55 ; collections, Episcopal Fund \$100, Convention Fund \$150, Missionary and other purposes \$2850, total \$3100.

Amount of indebtedness of the Church of the Parish, ground rent, \$720 ; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$2000 ; no arrears.

Report of the Rev. N. E. Cornwall, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Pittsburgh.

Congregation, families 80, adults 230, children 110, total 340 ; baptisms, adults 1, infants 8, total 9 ; confirmed 10 ; communicants, added 46, died or removed 7, present number 118 ; marriages 3 ; burials 9 ; public services, on Sundays 109, other days 62, total 171 ; children catechized, times 10 ; Sunday schools, male teachers 5, pupils 35, female, teachers 8, pupils 65, total, school 1, teachers 13, pupils 100 ; Bible class 1, members 12 ; collections, Episcopal Fund \$21, Convention Fund \$14, Missionary and other purposes \$775, total \$810.

Property, other than the Church building and lot, owned by the Parish, none ; amount of indebtedness of the Church of the Parish about two thousand dollars ; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive fifteen hundred dollars ; arrears of salary none.

When I commenced my labors in this Parish, about the middle of April, 1853, I found, of the large number of families and communicants reported from it for several years previous, only a remnant of fifty families, including, with a few single persons, about eighty communicants. These numbers were soon increased by the return of seven families and thirteen communicants formerly connected with the Parish ; and during the year ending at this time a farther accession has been received of twenty-four new families and thirty-three communicants.

The Parish has also manifested other signs of substantial vigor and healthy activity. Its contributions to benevolent purposes under the auspices of our own Church, together with one of forty dollars to a lo-

cal Society for the distribution of Bibles, amount to \$810. The sum raised for the expenses of the year, including \$560 paid to the late Rector and Sexton, and \$350 paid for gas-fixtures and ordinary repairs, is about \$3200. This aggregate expenditure of \$4000 exhibits the unusual average of more than \$33 to each communicant, and \$50 to each family, in a parish consisting of all classes of the population, and is a commendable evidence of zeal for the support of religion at home and its extension abroad.

Several items of the old debt of the Parish have also been cancelled during the past year, to the amount of \$3500, and the larger part of the remainder virtually liquidated by pledges of the holders of claims to the amount of \$1400. An actual balance, however, of \$800 still remains in force against the Parish; and the sum of \$951 will become due in April, 1855, on a bond given by two gentlemen of the congregation for the purchase of several pews in the Church, with the understanding that the whole amount received by the owners should be applied to the support of another Episcopal parish.

According to these statistics, the sum applied to benevolent purposes and the extinguishment of debt is \$4870, and the present indebtedness about \$2000.

It is especially pleasant to add, that in the spiritual state of the Parish we have had much cause for thankfulness, from month to month, and from week to week.

Report of the Rev. Thomas Crompton, Rector of Christ Church, Allegheny.

Baptisms, infants 26; confirmed 6; communicants, added 13, died or removed 10, present number 75; marriages 8; burials 13; public services, on Sundays 102, other days 51, total 153; Sunday school 1, male teachers 5, female teachers 6, total teachers 11; male pupils 25, female pupils 40, total pupils 65; collections, Convention Fund \$8 50. Statistics of the Parish same as reported to Convention of 1853.

In addition to the foregoing I have officiated twice every Sunday since January 1st, in the Western Penitentiary, and on week days visited and instructed the prisoners there confined from cell to cell.

I would here take the opportunity to correct my last report as printed in the Journal of 1853. Instead of 4 adults baptized, it should read—Baptisms, adults 4, infants 24, total 28.

Report of the Rev. Thomas J. Davis, Rector of the Church of the Resurrection, Rising Sun, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, infants 11; communicants 16; marriages 5; burials 7.

The condition of this infant Parish has been much improved since the last Convention. In its infancy, as compared with its present prosperous state, is verified the blessed Saviour's comparison of the kingdom of God to a little leaven, and likewise to a grain of mustard seed. At first the undertaking seemed to be beneath the notice of all, except those who had faith, as a grain of mustard seed, to remove mountains. It was attended only by a few who, though poor, were rich in faith. But the time has already come for it to be respected by all; and it is now viewed by the whole community, as one of the most worthy and successful undertakings.

Report of the Rev. William N. Diehl.

The undersigned respectfully reports the following services and collection in St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh, Montgomery county.

Baptisms, adult 1, infants 3; public services on Sundays 16; burials 1; collection for New Orleans sufferers \$50.

On the 1st Sunday in September, the Rev. George C. Foote, the Rector-elect, took charge of the parish. Besides the above services, he reports the following performed in the place and vicinity of his residence, Germantown: Burials 7; marriage 1. He has officiated by reading service and preaching, when called upon by his clerical brethren and vestries of vacant congregations. His engagement with the parish of St. Luke's, Germantown, ceased on the 1st of April, 1853. He makes the following statement, as a matter of history, which may be interesting to the members of the parish of St. Thomas', at a future period, when those have passed away who are now familiar with the facts. The parish, when he took charge of it, was in an exceedingly feeble condition; the number of adult worshippers averaging about 18; the number of communicants 2. At first, service was performed once a month, (the rector officiating, statedly, in three other parishes) and additional services were added, from time to time, until finally the parish required a weekly service. By reference to his record he finds that from March, 1836, to June, 1840, he performed service once a month; from June, 1840, to December, 1844, twice a month; from December, 1844, to September, 1853, every Sunday morning and principal holiday.

The number of communicants gradually increased, as will appear from the following statement:

Original number of communicants 2, added from 1836 to 1840 9, from 1840 to 1844 12, from 1844 to 1853 49, total 72; died or removed 20, present number 52.

Through the active exertions of one of the members of the congre-

gation, Henry M. Sheaff, now, we trust, in paradise, various improvements were made in and about the church. By his efforts mainly, which were untiring, a tower and spire were erected; a bell and an organ procured; sheds were built; a new roof was placed upon the church; the church painted and carpeted, and the chancel appropriately furnished; the graveyard put in order, and the grounds around the church adorned with trees, many of which were planted by his own hands. He superintended the Sunday school and the choir, and took a lively interest in every person and thing connected with the church. When called to enter into rest, he was actively engaged in collecting funds for a parsonage, and had succeeded with the aid of other members of his family, in obtaining about \$2000. "He being dead, yet speaketh," and we trust and hope that those of the congregation who were witnesses of his good works, will glorify God by showing the same zeal and love for the church which animated his breast.

In closing this report the prayer is uttered fervently for the growth and prosperity of St. Thomas'; and may it be the privilege of him who has served her children for the past 17 years, in much weakness and with many infirmities of spirit, to share with them in that rest which "remaineth for the people of God."

Report of the Rev. Jacob M. Douglass, Rector of Zion Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, infants 14; confirmed 3; communicants, died or removed 4, present number about 40; marriages 7; burials 5; public services on Sundays 100, other days above 30; families about 40.

In the providence of God Benjamin W. Frazier, the benevolent churchman who engaged to convey a lot to Zion Church, died intestate leaving minor children. During his life he did not execute a conveyance of the lot mentioned in my last report; so that the hopes entertained that the Vestry would build a church edifice during the last season have been frustrated. The rector trusts that a "church building society" will soon be organized, from which his Vestry may obtain assistance in the arduous work before them. Our efficient Warden, Mr. John H. Bringham, has invested \$1800, designed for building, in reliable securities. The rector receives no salary. In regard to the spiritual condition of the church, the rector feels encouraged. The "Cottage Lectures," in which he has been aided by "the Brotherhood of the Protestant Episcopal Church," have been well attended and exerted a happy and hallowed influence.

Report of the Rev. Benjamin J. Douglass, Rector of Christ Church, Towanda, Bradford county.

Congregation, families 50; baptisms, adults 2, infants 12, total 14;

confirmed 4 ; communicants, added 9, died or removed 3, present number 46 ; marriage 1 ; burials 7 ; public services, on Sundays 91, other days 54, total 145 ; children catechized monthly ; Sunday school 2, teachers 12, scholars 85 ; collections, Episcopal Fund \$3, Convention Fund \$8, Missionary and other purposes \$144, total 160. For further statistics see Journal of 1853.

The contributions for missionary purposes have not been as large as could be wished during the past year, owing to the fact that more than \$2000 have been raised entirely by the congregation for the erection and completion of the Rectory. The generous spirit displayed in this undertaking promises well for the future.

The Rector's salary is still the same, which is promptly and punctually paid. Though the number of those confirmed is small, there are indications of good in the future, which we hope, with God's blessing, will ere long be realized. The increase of our Sunday school, and the growing interest felt by the children in the services and worship in our beloved Zion, is a matter of devout thankfulness.

Report of the Rev. George C. Drake, Rector of St. James' Church, Muncy, Lycoming county.

Families 66, adults 138, children 68, total 201 ; baptisms, infants 6 ; communicants, added 1, died or removed 2, present number 81 ; marriages 7 ; burials 10 ; public services, on Sundays, at Muncy 49, at Pennsville 22, at Muncy Farms 19, at Bloomsburg 2, at Schuylkill Haven 1, total 93 ; other days 30, total 123 ; children catechized in Sunday school ; Sunday school 1, pupils, male 16, female 32, total 48 ; teachers, male 6, female 7, total 13 ; offerings, special \$6 85, undesignated \$2 25, Convention Fund for 1854 \$23 30, Society Advancement of Christianity \$14 78 and \$1 50, total \$16 28 ; Domestic Missions \$13 86, Foreign Missions \$3 79½ and \$4 57, total \$8 36½ ; colonization \$3 75, Bible, Prayer Book and Tracts \$3 66 and \$4 82, total \$8 48 ; Christmas Fund \$13 06, Church building \$2 16, total \$98 35.

The property, other than the Church building and lot, owned by the parish, is a separate parcel of ground used as a burial ground.—The Church of the parish is unencumbered. The amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive, about \$250.

Although the past year has been in this parish one of great spiritual dearth, and our statistics tell unfavorably of confirmations and communion, there are some signs of promise. The number of our families has slightly increased. Our Sunday school has had an accession of teachers and scholars. The project of taking down the present church

building and erecting simultaneously a new church and parsonage, has been of late seriously talked of, and as the plan has the approval of the wealthiest family of the parish, we have hopes that it may be accomplished, the condition of the present church being much out of repair, favors the design.

Several young persons have been, and are now, entertaining the subject of uniting with the church by baptism; and it is confidently hoped that the Spirit of grace will so influence them, that the next parochial report will embrace their separation from the world and admission to the family of God.

The Sunday school at Muncy Farms has lately, since the return of Miss Hall in improved health, been recommenced. The influence of this school for good can scarcely be overrated. It is manifest in the services held there, which have been attended with unabated interest.

Our reported number of communicants does not represent fairly the state of the parish. A large number of names of persons are found on the list, who are not "open and notorious evil livers," but yet never come to the communion. The list needs to be cleared of these; but the minister of the parish does not feel authorized, under existing legislation, to strike them out.

Report of the Rev. Richard B. Duane, Rector of Grace Church, Honesdale, Wayne County.

Congregation, families 52, adults 142, children, 98, total 240; baptisms, adults 1, infants 9, total 10; confirmed 11; communicants added 8, died 2, removed 12, stricken off the list 4, present number 82; marriages 4; burials 10; public services, on Sundays 88, other days 5, total, 93; children catechised 96, times 12; Sunday School 1 (general), teachers 12, scholars 96; Bible Class 1, members 10; collections, Episcopal Fund \$15, Convention Fund \$10, Missionary and other purposes, \$6,218 44, viz: Diocesan Missionary Society \$40, Domestic Missions, (through Epis. Miss. Ass'n. for the West) \$40, Foreign Missions \$40, Bishop White Prayer Book Society \$10, Convocation Fund, \$10, Wayne County Bible Society \$22, Evangelical Knowledge Society \$10, Convocation colporteur \$25, parish purposes (incidental expenses) \$31 03, moneys paid by congregation towards new church building, \$5,316, ladies' Sewing Circle (for furnishing ditto) \$525, Communion Alms \$68 58, Sunday School (towards furnishing new Sunday School room) \$20 83, ditto for American Sunday School Union \$10, total \$6,243 44.

The "property other than the church building and lot owned by the parish," is a parsonage. There is no debt upon the parish. The

"amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive," is \$700 per annum, with the use of the parsonage; the same is not in arrears.

The corner stone of our new church building was laid by the Bishop of the Diocese, on the 23d of June, 1853. The work has steadily advanced. It is hoped that by the 1st of July next we shall worship within its walls, consecrated (free of debt) to the service of Almighty God. The building is of stone, in the early English style, 90 by 50 outside, including buttresses. It has a tower and spire, and will seat 400 persons. The Sunday School room is in the basement front, 32 by 42 in the clear.

Since the removal of our old church building from the lot upon which the new one now stands, the congregation has worshipped in the Court House. This fact will account for the small number of public services on other days than Sundays. Our usual services on Friday evening at the parsonage have been kept up, and services were held during Lent at private houses.

By Can. XII. of 1853, I am required to report "the state and condition of the Sunday School." It is, I believe, in better condition than ever before. We have more teachers and more scholars, and there is evidently more interest. The Rector is the Superintendent. The school is well supplied with Sunday School papers. With the increased accommodation which the Sunday School room in our new church will furnish us, we hope to increase the number of our scholars.

Since December 13th, 1853, the parish has been known by the name of Grace Church, Honesdale; the charter having been altered by the Court of Wayne County. Truth Church, Bethany, became extinct in 1840; the title "Dyberry Parish" has been dropped.

The parish has lost during the last year by removals, especially of communicants. On the opening of our new church we look for an increase in the congregation.

For assistance in building our new church we are greatly indebted to our friends in other parishes, without whose aid the enterprise could not have been carried on. But, above all, our thanks are due to Him in whose hands are "the silver and the gold," and who has graciously inclined the hearts of men to aid us in our undertaking. "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."

Report of the Rev. Henry W. Ducachet, D. D., Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, 25 infants, 4 adults; marriages 19; deaths and funerals 18; communicants about 800 (estimated); collections, for the Advancement Society \$842 16, Christmas Fund \$74 50, Convention

Fund \$50, Episcopal Fund \$183 81, offerings for the poor on Thanksgiving day \$137 81, special fund for fuel for the poor \$100, contributions for the Parish School \$359 58, total officially received \$1747 86, besides the communion alms; whole amount given for Missionary purposes \$1768 90.

A chime of nine bells has been placed in one of the towers of the church, at an expense of more than \$1,500,—the gift of a generous parishoner, to whom this parish has often been indebted for acts of liberality and kindness.

This parish owes no debt of any kind. The church property, over and above the church building, and its two cemeteries, remains the same as when reported, in detail, in May, 1850, (see the Journal of that year, p. 96,) with the addition of seven thousand four hundred and ninety-eight dollars invested in stocks and ground rents, the proceeds of the sale of several lots of ground formerly belonging to the parish corporation, as a part of the cemetery in Thirteenth street, above Arch street; there are, besides, similarly invested, \$1222 belonging to the communion fund.

Measures are in progress, at this very time, for the speedy opening of an Orphan House for destitute children, to be connected with St. Stephen's Church, and to be upon a scale worthy of the munificent appropriation placed at the disposal of the Rector for that noble purpose. We hope to go into operation very soon—at farthest, in the fall. The Rector deems it proper to state, in evidence and in praise of the benevolence which has favored this thought of mercy, that he has had given to him the choice of six three-storied brick houses, one of them quite spacious; or, in lieu of them, of a valuable lot, in the very centre of the city, not far from the church, with the requisite means for the erection of a suitable building for the accommodation of the children, whom the Church will thus take under her maternal charge. There they will be supplied with raiment, food, education, religious instruction, church privileges, careful spiritual training, and constant pastoral supervision. May God Almighty—the Father of the fatherless—favor and bless the undertaking.

Report of Rev. Charles M. Dupuy.

Since the last Conventional meeting I have frequently read Divine Service, preached above fifty times, on numerous occasions, administered the Holy Communion and baptized one infant.

Report of the Rev. George A. Durborow, Rector of the Church of the Redemption, Philadelphia.

Congregation, families 140; baptisms, adults 10, infants 153, total

163; confirmed 17; communicants 115; marriages 80; burials 74; public services, on Sundays 126, other days 28, total 154; children catechized, times monthly; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 10, pupils 115, female 1, teachers 18, pupils 165, total, schools 2, teachers 23, pupils 280; Bible classes 2, members 25; parish school, teacher 1, scholars 55; collections, Convention Fund \$2 50, total about \$450.

Property other than the Church building and lot own by the Parish none; amount of indebtedness of the Church of the Parish \$3500, for lot; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive, from Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania \$250, arrears none; other sources \$400, arrears of salary \$200 to April 1st.

The past year has been one of great trial; also of great success. My efforts have been blest to the improvement of many. I continue my services at the House of Refuge where they are favorably received, and where, I trust, that they receive the Divine blessing.

During the past year the church has been much enlarged and improved. Additional room has been furnished for about 300 worshippers, and through the liberal kindness of our friends this has been done without incurring additional debt. I hope soon to report that the additional pews are all taken.

Report of the Rev. Samuel Durborow, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Phoenixville, and St. John's Chapel, Chester County.

Congregation, families 75, adults 181, children 200, total 381; baptisms, adults 10, infants 44, total 54; confirmed 10; communicants, added 20, died or removed 2, present number 53; marriages 4; burials 13; public services, on Sundays 130, other days 10, total 140; children catechized 5 times; Sunday schools 2, teachers 30, pupils 300; Bible classes 2, members 20; collections, Episcopal Fund \$5, Convention Fund \$5, Soc. Adv. of Christianity \$5, Missionary and other purposes \$250 76, cost of Chapel \$900, total \$1165 76.

Property, Church building and lot, Chapel and lot, and burial ground; no indebtedness; clergyman's salary \$500 per annum, no arrears in salary.

Stated Sunday morning service has been held in St. Peter's Church, Phoenixville, throughout the year. The afternoons and evenings have been divided between St. Andrew's, West Vincent, Chestnut Grove school house, the Yellow Springs, and St. John's Chapel, Pickering Bridge. This Chapel was built during the last summer by the proprietors of the Wheatly, Chester County, and Morris Mining Companies, at an expense of \$900, and will seat about 150 persons. It is now under the care of the Rector of St. Peter's, who has officiated

there every Sunday afternoon since its completion ; previously to which time the congregation was gathered in a meadow on the bank of the Pickering Creek, adjoining the bridge.

Other services have been held at Port Providence, the Montgomery County Poorhouse, and elsewhere in the vicinity.

The large and flourishing Sunday school connected with St. Peter's has, for the last seven years, been under the superintendence of Robert Renshaw, Esq., who has been indefatigable in his labors on its behalf. The Sunday school connected with St. John's is under the care of Jas. T. Brown, Esq., who has been a great aid to the Rector.

The female communicants of the Church last fall organized themselves into a " Benevolent Society," and in that capacity they have been very useful; the zeal of the ladies is (here as elsewhere) fully equal to the opportunities offered for manifesting their devotion to the cause of Christ.

Report of Joseph J. Elsegood, Rector of Trinity Church, Easton, Northampton County.

Baptisms, infants 18; confirmed none; communicants, added 8, died 1, permitted to withdraw 4, present number 57; marriages 8; burials 3; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 43, total 147; children catechized in the Sunday school; Sunday school 1, teachers 14, pupils 136; collections, Christmas Fund \$10 25, Convention Fund \$5, Domestic Missions \$7 50, Female Prayer Book Society \$5 16, Sunday school \$11, Church improvement and other purposes \$612, total \$650 91.

Report of Rev. Rees C. Evans, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Doylestown, and Trinity Church, Centreville, Bucks County.

Since last Convention until 11th March ult., I officiated at St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia, and engaged in the duties of the City Mission. When City Missionary I baptized one infant, and officiated at four funerals.

I have received and accepted an unanimous call from the Vestry of St. Paul's Church, Doylestown, and from the Vestry of Trinity Church, Centreville. On 11th March ult., I entered upon my duties as Rector of those Parishes. Having so recently had charge of them, I am unable to give the statistics of them at present. These churches had been nearly a year without the stated means of grace, so that the attendance was very small. It is, however, gratifying to perceive a marked interest on the part of many who attend divine worship. There is, too, a disposition to love our Church, to unite in our prayers

and songs of praise, and hear the Word of God. On the Sunday next before Easter, the Holy Communion was administered at St. Paul's Church to eleven persons, five of whom were members of other congregations. Three of the communicants were absent, making nine communicant members of that Church.

It being necessary to make some alterations to St. Paul's Church, rendering it incapable of being used for divine service for a short time, the Vestry have united with the Vestry of Trinity Church in giving me leave of absence, which has been sanctioned by our Bishop.

At the Bishop's last visitation one person was confirmed; two marriages have been solemnized, one in St. Paul's Parish by a strange minister and one by myself in Centreville Parish in April. I also officiated in the solemnization of matrimony once, in October last, in the City of Philadelphia.

Our Sunday schools are just organized for the summer. May they receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

Report of the Rev. George G. Fjeld, Rector of Emmanuel Church, Holmesburg.

Congregation, families 56, adults 147, children 106, total 253; baptisms, infants 14; confirmed 8; communicants, added 6, died or removed 9, present number 70; marriages 2; burials 14; public services, on Sundays 111, other days 74, total 185; Sunday schools 2, teachers 10, pupils 76; collections, Episcopal Fund \$10 84, Convention Fund \$5 75, Soc. Adv. of Christianity \$86 86, Christmas Fund \$20 18, Foreign Missions \$33, Domestic Missions \$100 04, Church building \$17 63, Sunday school \$23 49, Bibles and Prayer Books \$13 15, other purposes \$108 42, total \$379 36.

Property other than the Church building and lot own by the parish, the same as by the last report; amount of indebtedness of the Church of the parish none; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive the same as by last report; salary paid with considerable punctuality.

In the above enumeration of Sunday services there are included seven held at night at Tacony.

During the past summer the congregation was larger than for several years previous. The church was filled, and more room was needed. It seemed as if the proper time had come to replace the present with a more commodious building. If insufficiency of funds should render it necessary to defer this work for a time, it is thought that before long the necessities of the parish will be so imperative as to render a much farther postponement in the highest degree culpable.

Report of the Rev. George C. Foote, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Whitmarsh Township, Montgomery county.

Congregation, families 49, adults 129, children 78, total 207; baptisms, adults 2, infants 6, total 8; communicants, added 8, died 2, present number 73; marriages 2; burials 7; public services, on Sundays 43, other days 13, total 56; children catechised every Sunday; Sunday School 1, male teachers 0, female teachers 6; male pupils 24, female pupils 34, total, teachers 6, pupils 58; Bible class 1, members 12; collections, Episcopal fund \$2, Convention Fund \$6, Society Adv. of Christianity \$15, Missionary and other purposes \$75, total \$98.

The Rector accepted a call to this parish in the beginning of July, 1853, but was prevented by illness from assuming the charge of it until September 1st, from which time the above is a report of the condition of the parish, and of the services held. He is happy to report a gradual growth in its temporal and (he trusts) spiritual condition since that time. There seems to be a constantly increasing desire on the part of the parishoners and others to avail themselves of the privileges offered them. But there is much of the true spirit yet wanting. May the Great Head of the Church supply it! The salary offered, and which thus far has been promptly paid, is \$400, and a parsonage. In addition to this sum the Rector receives \$200 from the Society for the advancement of Christianity, making his salary \$600 and a parsonage house.

The sum of \$850 has been subscribed since the present Rector entered upon his duties, for the building of a new parsonage, to be added to the sum of \$2000, which was already raised for that purpose; to buy or build is still in contemplation. The parish has also been relieved of its indebtedness of \$375, by an appropriation from the estate of H. M. Sheaff, deceased, and stands now free of debt.

This parish has heretofore labored under many difficulties and discouragements. One was the want of a resident Pastor, (the present Rector is the first resident Pastor the church has ever had,) and within the last year it has lost by death one of the most active and influential of its members, a loss which has been, and must continue to be, severely felt in the parish, in the choir, in the Sunday School, by rich and poor, young and old; and one moreover which cannot be readily made up, when we take into consideration his zeal in good works, his self-denial for the Church's sake, his promptitude of action, and the time and opportunity he possessed to devote in its cause. Yet the present rector feels that its prospects are as bright as its warmest friends can expect, and is much encouraged by the zeal which he has

seen manifested by a few, and grateful for the kindness which all have bestowed without an exception.

Report of the Rev. B. Franklin, Rector of St. John's Church, N. L., Philadelphia.

Congregation 80 ; baptisms, adults 4, infants 23, total 27 ; confirmed 13 ; communicants added 20 ; died or removed 8 : present number 135 ; marriages 1 ; burials 15 ; public services, on Sundays 93, other days 77, total 170 ; children catechized once a month ; Sunday Schools 2, teachers 15, pupils 177 ; Bible class 1, members 8 ; collections, Convention Fund \$17 54, Missionary and other purposes \$200, total \$217 54 ; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$1000, no arrears.

The large debt which has hung over this church from the time of its erection, has been removed by the generosity of the holder, Jacob Steinmetz, Esq. He has forgiven the whole upon certain conditions, which, by the liberal aid of a very few churchmen, and the small assistance of several, we have been able to comply with. In a few weeks it is expected that the necessary papers will be passed, which shall put this old church and its valuable lot forever free from a pecuniary load that has impaired its usefulness and been a cause of discredit for many years. The congregation is steadily growing in numbers and the ordinary attendance, considering the distance at which most of the people reside, is good. A German mission has been undertaken in the neighborhood, by the Rev. Edw. Meyer, who entered upon his duties in February, holding a German service every afternoon in St. John's. The immediate vicinity is inhabited by that class of population, and it is hoped that the missionary will take a zealous interest in their spiritual welfare, in which case great good may be anticipated.

Report of the Rev. J. G. Furey, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Springville, Susquehanna County.

My connexion with the above parish commenced on the first of April. They promise me a salary of \$200 and the use of the parsonage. There are in this parish nearly 50 communicants, and the Sunday School numbers, at present, about 30 scholars and seven teachers. There has been no minister settled here during the last two years. We earnestly hope and pray that the Divine blessing may descend upon us, and that we may bring forth fruit in due season to the glory of God.

Report of the Rev. James B. Goodwin, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Ohio Township, and Georgetown Church, Georgetown, Beaver County.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, OHIO TOWNSHIP.

Baptisms, infants 2, adult 1, total 3; communicants, died or removed 2; present number 41; marriage 1; burials 3; public services, on Sundays 41, other days 4, total 45; collection, Diocesan Missionary Society \$1 47.

GEORGETOWN CHURCH, GEORGETOWN.

Baptisms, infants 3; communicants, present number 21; marriages 2; public services on Sundays 43. In attending Convention, and other calls of duty, I have been absent from my parish four Sundays. Our public services have been unavoidably interrupted four Sundays by bad weather, or the impassable state of the Ohio river.

The amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive from these parishes, is \$150; arrears of salary to August 1st 1853, \$42 48.

Report of the Rev. Horatio Gray, Assistant to the Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia, Missionary.

The duties performed by him at St. Andrew's, and elsewhere, are as follows: officiated at public service on 170 occasions, assisted in administering the communion on 18 occasions, preached 45 sermons, baptized 2 infants, attended 10 funerals, and solemnized one marriage.

As city missionary his labors have been closely connected with parochial duties. He has made about 60 visits among the poor, and distributed copies of the Bible, Testament and Prayer Book, with 3000 pages of Tracts.

Report of the Rev. Richard D. Hall.

I have been enabled to perform more duty than usual during the last Conventional year. Have preached 76 sermons, assisted at the Holy Communion frequently, and the service of the Church, baptized three children, buried one adult, and performed the marriage rite six times.

Report of the Rev. G. Emlen Hare, D. D., Rector, and of the Rev. H. S. Spackman, Assistant Minister, of St. Matthew's Church, Francisville.

Baptisms, infants 11; communicants, added 9, died or removed 7, present number 58; marriages 4; burials 7; public services, on Sundays 126, other days 9, total 135; Sunday schools 3, male 1, teachers

3, pupils 22, female 1, teachers 4, pupils 33, colored class 1, pupils 16, infant school 1, teachers 1, pupils 55, total, schools 3, teachers 9, pupils 127; Bible classes 3, members 35; collections, Episcopal Fund \$9 03, Convention Fund \$16 77, P. E. Hospital \$10, Christmas Fund \$17, Diocesan Missionary Society \$20 89, Advancement Society \$20, communion alms \$44 26, total \$137 95.

Statistics of parish, amount of indebtedness of the Church of the parish \$150; amount of salary the Clergyman is entitled to receive, Rector \$300, assistant Minister \$400; arrears of salary none.

By the liberality of a parishioner a frame building on the Ridge Road, near Jefferson street, has been fitted up in a convenient manner for divine service, and on the 19th of February was opened for that purpose; since which time divine service has been held in it on Sundays, morning and afternoon, by the Rector and the assistant Minister. At this Chapel a Sunday school has been established (including an infant school and a Bible class), having in all 8 teachers and 52 pupils. The collections made at the Chapel were, for the Convention Fund \$5 79, Sunday school \$10, for relief of sufferers by a fire on Turner's Lane \$22, total \$37 79.

In addition to the public services stated above, and performed by the Rector and the assistant Minister, thirty meetings were held and thirty lectures delivered by the latter in private houses within the limits of the parish and neighborhood of the Chapel. The visitation of the Bishop having been postponed until the Sunday after the meeting of the Convention, no opportunity for confirmation has occurred within the year.

Report of the Rev. N. Sayre Harris, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Chester.

Congregation, pew holders, adults 153, children 153, total 306; baptisms, adults 3, infants 13, total 16; confirmed 10; communicants, added 9, died or removed 9, present number 71; marriages 8; burials 21; public services, on Sundays 100, other days 10, total 110; children catechized 12 times; Sunday schools, male and female, teachers 18, pupils 115, infant, teacher 1, pupils 85, total, schools 2, teachers 19, pupils 200; collections, Episcopal Fund \$7 89, Convention Fund \$9 25, Missionary and other purposes \$176 10, to pay debts \$300, total \$493 24.

Property other than Church building and lot owned by the parish, \$1400 invested in a parsonage, and a lot worth \$250; indebtedness none; salary \$700, no arrears.

Our congregation sustained a severe loss in the decease of its late venerable Wardens, Pierce Crosby and George W. Bartram; men ever

ready, by counsel, devotion of time and means, and the exercise of a generous hospitality, to promote the interests of the Church. The old Sexton, their cotemporary, did not long survive them. Of the ancient Church-edifice nothing remains but a daguerreotype.

We cannot report much increase of the body, but it has been compacted or knit together, preparatory, we trust, to growth. Every remaining vestige of debt having been made to disappear, and tithes and offerings brought into the Lord's house, we may ask that the windows of Heaven be opened and a blessing poured out.

The parsonage reported last year as commenced, is completed sufficiently for occupying, and will become ere long, we trust, the unincumbered property of the parish.

Report of the Rev. S. Hazlehurst, Rector of the Church of the Messiah, Richmond.

My resignation of this parish took effect on the 1st January, 1854. During the ten months previous the number of baptisms were 17; communicants, added 9; marriages 4; burials 5; collected, for Missionary purposes \$106 85; amount of salary received for four years and ten months \$94 05.

On my resignation taking effect, the Bishop appointed me as Missionary and Chaplain of the Episcopal Hospital. In this situation I have officiated twice every Sunday, either at the Hospital or in the parishes of my brethren; during the week have held frequent services at the Hospital, administered the communion service, baptized 3 infants, and officiated at 3 funerals.

Report of the Rev. William Hilton, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Kittanning, Armstrong County.

Baptisms, adults 8, infants 14, total 17; communicants, added 14, died or removed 7, present number 89; marriages 2; burials 5; public services, on Sundays 48, other days 7, total 55; children catechized monthly in Sunday school; Sunday school 1, teachers 10, pupils 89; Bible class 1, members 16; collections, Convention Fund \$7 09, Missionary and other purposes \$57 25, total \$64 25.

Property other than the Church building and lot owned by the parish, none; amount of indebtedness of the Church of the parish \$450; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$300; arrears of salary \$245 75.

The condition of this parish is still prosperous, and the Rector is encouraged in his labors in seeing that, through the Divine blessing, they are not wholly in vain. Hitherto this parish has had services

only every other Sunday, but arrangements have now been made by which the Rector's whole time will be devoted to the interests of this congregation ; from this arrangement much good, it is hoped, will result, in rendering the parish more prosperous, both in temporal and spiritual things, than it has ever yet been.

Our Thursday evening lecture, during the winter and spring, has been very well attended, and the Rector hopes, not without much good resulting, in the building up of his people more firmly in their most holy faith.

The ladies' Sewing Circle has also been very active and efficient during the winter, and have succeeded in raising \$126. This is to be applied to the payment of \$50 yet due on our organ, and for other necessary fixtures about the church.

TRINITY CHURCH, FREEPORT.

Baptisms, adults 2, infants 5, total 7 ; communicants, added 4, died or removed 7, present number 53 ; burials 2 ; public services, on Sundays 44, other days 10, total 54 ; children regularly catechized in Sunday school ; Sunday school 1, teachers 6, pupils 50 ; collections, Convention Fund \$2 41, Christmas Fund \$4 31, Missionary and other purposes \$30 50, total \$37 22.

During the past year I have as usual only visited this parish once in two weeks ; they have no services during the week ; for these reasons it is not so prosperous as under more favorable circumstances it would be. I resigned the charge of this parish on the first of May inst., and hope they will soon be able to procure a pastor to reside among them, which, I hope, through the Divine blessing, will tend greatly to their advancement both in temporal and spiritual things.

A few of the ladies of this parish formed themselves into a Sewing Circle, and by their exertions have raised, during the last six months, upwards of \$30, the most of which has been paid into the treasury of the "Diocesan Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Pennsylvania."

This parish has no property but the Church and lot ; the salary promised the Rector by this parish is \$180, \$186 of which remains unpaid up to this time.

Since July last I have held divine service and preached on the afternoon or night of every fourth Sunday at Leechburgh, about seven miles from Freeport, where there are a few members of our Church. Could services be held more frequently at this place I have no doubt but that a congregation of considerable size could soon be gathered.

I have also, during the past year, preached in various school houses and private houses, to large assemblies of people; and it is hoped that these labors have not been altogether in vain.

Report of the Rev. M. Hirst, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Minersville, Schuylkill County.

Congregation, families 15, adults 40; baptisms, infants 40; communicants, removed 5, present number 19; marriages 8; burials 12; public services, on Sundays 52, other days 10, total 62; collections, Missionary and other purposes \$35, Convention Fund \$2, total \$37.

The parish owns no property except the Church edifice; it is free from debt; amount of salary received for the past year is \$250.

This parish has suffered by removals, and is likely to sustain further loss from the same cause. Generally, there has been good attention to the preached Gospel. While the seed sown in some instances has taken root and brought forth fruit, in others it has fallen upon barren or stony ground, and being choked with the cares and pleasures of the world, no fruit appears.

Report of the Rev. M. A. De Wolfe Howe, D. D., Rector of St. Luke's Church, Philadelphia.

Congregation, families 260, total about 1100; baptisms, adults 8, infants 42, total 50; confirmed 24; communicants, added 40, died or removed 18, present number 468; marriages, 14; burials 26; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 85, total 189; children catechized, times 6; Sunday Schools, male 1, teachers 7, pupils 68, female 1, teachers 20, pupils 186, total schools 2, teachers 27, pupils 254, infant schools 2, teachers 1, pupils 104; Bible Classes, 8, members 84, total under instruction, 442; collections, Episcopal Fund \$150, Convention Fund \$80, Dioc. Missions \$803 70; Missionary and other charitable purposes \$3765 54, total \$4749 24. This sum is exclusive of the six thousand dollars expended for the enlargement and furnishing of the chancel, &c. Property other than church building and lot owned by the Parish, none; amount of indebtedness of the church of the Parish, none; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive, \$3000; arrears of salary, none.

Since my last report the church edifice has been greatly improved in appearance, and in adaptation to its holy uses, by the erection of a chancel, and (contiguous thereto,) a Parish School, Bible Class, and Parish Library Rooms. The whole expense of this addition was met by the sale of ten new pews, for which room was created by the alteration.

Our experiment of a "Home" for aged and desolate female members of the Church, which was just commenced at the period of the last Diocesan Convention, has, we think, been successful, and we have entered upon a second year of trial with hope of enlarged and permanent usefulness.

Among the most efficient of the agencies for good in which members of this congregation are engaged, may be reckoned the work of the "Ladies Missionary Circle." This "Circle" employs itself in making garments for the families of clergymen who are inadequately paid.—Its labors have now been pursued through three winters with great interest and success. And the social assembling of the Ladies of the congregation for a common work of benevolence has been, I believe, as advantageous to this parish as it has been conducive to the relief of "friends and brethren dear," whose self-denying labors are spent in remote and destitute places.

Our Parish Day Schools still continue to bestow upon the neighborhood the benefits of Christian education, and to be attended by more than one hundred and fifty pupils. They are admirably managed, and diligently taught.

Report of the Rev. William Huckel, Rector of the Church of the Evangelists, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults 2, infants 28, total 30; confirmed 19; communicants, added 40, died or removed 12, present number 90; marriages 18; burials 20; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 40, total 144; children catechized 280, times monthly; Sunday schools, male teachers 5, pupils, 75, female 2, teachers 16, pupils 180, total, schools 3, teachers, 22, pupils 255; Bible classes 2, members about 25; collections, Episcopal Fund \$10, Convention Fund \$5, Episcopal Hospital \$11, Missionary and other purposes \$639; of which sum, it may be proper to specify, that \$320 was collected by the Ladies' Mite Society during the last year, and \$88 by the Sunday Schools.

Report of the Rev. B. S. Huntington, Principal of the Aston Ridge Seminary.

Sermons at the Seminary 60, in other places, Brooklyn, Bordentown, Doylestown, Media, Chester, Wilmington, Charleston and other Southern cities 40, to slaves 3, Lectures and addresses at the Seminary 160, total 263; baptisms 4; marriages 2; burial 1; united at communion 5 times. The degree of religious interest among us during the year, has been encouraging. One of the former teachers having recently become a missionary to China, it is hoped that her ex-

ample may awaken a missionary spirit among the pupils. I have held frequent services at the County Court House, in Media, with a view to the formation of a parish. The attendance has been very encouraging.

Report of the Rev. Joseph Jaquett.

Reports that he has been engaged during the past year in teaching Theological Students the Hebrew language.

Report of the Rev. Edward C. Jones.

The Missionary at the Blockley Alms-house, is happy to report to his respected Diocesan, that during the past Conventional year he has been occupied as usual in his ministerial duties. The Insane department still enlists his warmest sympathies and to it his slender abilities are particularly dedicated. The patients who have sat beneath his voice for upwards of five years, are, many of them, restored to their friends and society, and the Missionary has been pleased with their grateful acknowledgments expressed to him since their renovated mental condition. In the Children's Asylum, he has also labored according to his ability. These two points are obviously the most interesting. To the Lunatic and those demoniacally affected, our dear Lord extended his hand of mercy, while upon the heads of the young children he invoked His choicest benediction. The Missionary cannot close without expressing his warmest acknowledgments to his Rt. Rev. Father, for his steady advocacy of the claims of his Mission, and praying that the Church may yet awake to their full and complete appreciation.

Report of the Rev. N. M. Jones, Rector of St. Bartholomew's Church, Philadelphia.

Families 42; children baptized 30; funerals 8; Sunday school pupils 400. The Rector is the only teacher. The number of communicants cannot be ascertained correctly, until the church is finished, which will probably be in three or four weeks. Thirty-six poor and suffering families, comprising about 140 persons, have been relieved during the past winter, chiefly by the aid afforded to the Rector by that excellent Institution, the Brotherhood of the Church.

Report of the Rev. Daniel Kendig, Assistant to the Rector of St. Andrew's Church and Missionary.

Since his ordination, January 22nd, the undersigned has assisted

in the performance of Divine Service on 36 occasions and has officiated at 3 funerals. Since the 1st of May, he has been discharging the duties of his present position.

Report of the Rev. B. B. Killikelly, D. D., Rector of St. Michael's Church, Wayne township and Missionary in Armstrong, Clarion and Jefferson counties.

Congregation, families 76 ; baptisms, infants 35 ; communicants, added 22, died or removed 7, present number 100 ; marriages 2 ; burials 2 ; public services, on Sundays 81, other days 6, total 87 ; Sunday schools 2, teachers 9, pupils 70 ; Bible classes 2, members 25 ; collections, Parochial purposes \$6 50 ; Property of the church, &c., as last reported. Amount of salary clergyman is entitled to receive \$150. Arrears of salary about \$160.

Since my last report to the Convention, I have visited some church families residing in Snyder township, Jefferson county, three of which were formerly attached to Emmanuel Church, Holmesburgh, Pa. I held morning service, preached, administered the Communion to nine persons, and baptized four children. Proceeding to Brookville (16 miles distant) that evening, I held service and preached in the Presbyterian Church. Our brethren in Snyder township earnestly desired to be placed on my list of Missionary stations, and I hope to revisit them this summer. The venerable founder of the colony, John Robinson, has since been called to his reward. For three years he regularly celebrated, with only one omission, the church service and read a sermon in his own cabin—to which his neighbors were freely welcome. He also gathered the children of the settlement and had a fine Sunday School, being well supplied with books by pious friends of Emmanuel Church, Holmesburgh, who cheered and urged him on in his good work. There are at present five families connected with my mission in this settlement (60 miles from any residence), six families at two stations in Clarion county, eight at the Great Western Iron Works, eight at American Furnace and Orrsville, mouth of Mahoning, three at Pine Creek Furnace, nine at Minnesota Point Female Seminary, Pine township, of which I am the principal, and thirty-seven at St. Michael's Church, Wayne township, of which I am Rector, making 76 families in all. There are very many other families belonging to the church, scattered through the three counties in which I officiate, but being burdened with the care of a school for the subsistence of my family, I am unable to do that which my heart prompts for the extension of our Holy Church, and the ingathering of her children now wandering on the mountains, or straying into strange folds. I shall make efforts to erect a church at Orrsville, mouth of Mahoning

Creek, during this year. I would earnestly plead for the aid of a clerical co-worker, a deacon say, or the appointment of a distinct missionary for Clarion and Jefferson counties, as I have more work than I can well attend to in Armstrong. I have travelled 1275 miles in the discharge of missionary duty since last Convention, and upwards of 1100 on horseback.

Report of the Rev. George Kirke, Rector of St. John's Church, New London, and St. James', West Marlborough.

ST JOHN'S, NEW LONDON.

Congregation, families about 17; baptisms, children 3; communicants, added 2, removed 1, dropped 2, present number 23; marriage 1; burials 3; public services, with sermons on the Lord's day 26, other days 12, total 38; children catechized 10 times; Sunday school 1, teachers 4, pupils 27; Bible class 1, members 8; collections, Episcopal Fund \$2 20, Convention Fund \$2 82, Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society \$2 27, Diocesan Missionary Society \$4 09, Bishop White Prayer Book Society \$2 79, Parochial purposes \$6, total \$21 17.

The Church property, which is unencumbered, consists in the building, graveyard and adjacent lot. The pew-rents amounting to \$13 have been paid, with some generous donations.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, WEST MARLBOROUGH.

Services, with sermons on the Lord's day 25, other days 1, total 26; communicants 2; collections, Episcopal Fund 70 cts., Convention Fund 60 cts., Diocesan Missionary Society \$1, total \$2 30. There is no property but the building and churchyard, on which there is no debt. Services as heretofore gratuitous.

Since the last Convention, the last trustee of this church has been called to sleep, as it is hoped, in Christ. During the past year the minister of the parishes mentioned in connexion has had 26 public services, with sermons on the Lord's day, at the Chester County Prison, and 25 at the Chester County Poor House, with one on the afternoon of Thanksgiving day, making 51 visits to prisoners in their cells in the County Prison, and 85 to the sick in the different rooms of the County Poor House, and he has the gratification of adding that the attendance on the public services has been considerably larger than during any preceding year, having in general comprised all the members, young and old, of the establishment able to leave their rooms; that the appearance and comforts of the inmates have been much improved and that a large and handsome building, with a room for public wor-

ship and instruction, is in progress. Here two children have received the rite of baptism. The writer of this report has also, during the same period, (chiefly within the limits of the county,) preached on 52 occasions and baptized 4 children.

Report of the Rev. Edmund Leaf, Rector of Christ Church, Pottstown, St. Gabriel's, Morlatton, and St. Michael's, Birdsboro'.

CHRIST CHURCH, POTTSTOWN.

Congregation, families 32, adults 125, children 50, total 175; baptisms, infants 3; communicants, added 7, removed 2, present number 45; confirmed 3; marriages 4; burials 5; public services, on Sundays 82, other days 10, total 92; Sunday school 1, teachers 11, pupils 80; children catechized in the Sunday school; collections, Church building \$5 38, Christmas Fund \$5 52, Convention Fund \$3 33, Missionary and other purposes \$192, total 206 23. Besides the foregoing amount collected, the sum of \$600 has been subscribed toward the Parsonage fund at the parish. Amount of salary promised and punctually paid \$250, contributed to payment of Rector's house-rent \$70, total \$320.

In this congregation we wait for the fruit of our labor in the hope that in due season we shall reap if we faint not. Hitherto, although the Divine blessing has not been altogether withheld it has not yet reached the measure of our desires.

ST. GABRIEL'S CHURCH, MORLATTON (DOUGLASSVILLE).

Congregation, families 45, adults 250, children 75, total 325; baptisms, adult 1, children 9, total 10; communicants, died or removed 10, added 2, present number 61; marriages 3; burials 11; public services, on Sundays 30, other days 15, total 45; Sunday school 1, male teachers 6, female teachers 12, scholars, boys 54, girls 77, total 131; collections, Church building fund \$5, Christmas Fund \$2 70, Missionary and other purposes \$76, total \$83 70. Salary promised and paid \$150. Church property as before reported.

There having been no confirmation in this church during the past year the increase of communicants has been small, and the decrease by death and removal unusually large. There are however, at present some candidates for confirmation, who will probably soon be admitted to the privileges of the household of faith. We have reason to be thankful that in this congregation there are encouraging indications of a churchly spirit—a spirit that manifests itself in love for the ways of Zion, in “the work of faith and in the labor of love.”

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, BIRDSBORO'.

Congregation about 120 ; baptisms, adults 8, children 5, total 13 ; confirmed 15 ; communicants 12 ; public services 35 ; Sunday school 1, teachers 9, scholars 50 ; collections, Missionary and other purposes \$55. Salary \$150, paid in full.

The history of this congregation, which is of quite recent origin, may be summed up in few words. For several years services were held in a school-house. The corner-stone of the church edifice was laid on Whitsunday of 1852. On the 12th of February following, the church was consecrated ; all pecuniary claims having been previously paid. And since the consecration, the church has been regularly opened for the sacred services above reported.

Of these three parishes the Rev. Aaron Christman is now the assistant minister. The increase of labor which by this arrangement is expended on our portion of the vineyard, it is ardently hoped, may yield fruit to the Redeemer's glory.

Report of the Rev. Edward N. Lightner, Rector of Christ (Swedes') Church, Upper Merion, Montgomery County.

Families and part of families 40, children and adults about 160 ; baptisms, infants 13, adults 5, total 18 ; communicants, added 4, died or removed 4, present number 75 ; confirmed 9 ; marriages 1 ; burials 17 ; public services in the Church every Sunday morning and in Bridgeport in the afternoon. The Church is open on the principal festivals and fasts. Collections, Episcopal Fund \$7 50, Advancement Society \$5, Domestic Missions \$3, Christmas Fund \$6, other purposes \$21, total \$42 50.

Several families have removed from the Parish during the past year, and as no new ones have come in to supply their place the congregation is somewhat reduced in numbers.

Report of the Rev. M. C. Lightner, Rector of Christ Church, Reading, Berks Co.

Congregation, families 114, adults 337, children 211, total 548 ; baptisms, adults 6, infants 24, total 30 ; confirmed 17 ; communicants, added 26, died or removed 9, present number 160 ; marriages 5 ; burials 7 ; public services, on Sundays 125, other days 109, total 234 ; 90 children catechized in the church monthly, Sunday school, teachers 23, scholars 143 ; collections, Episcopal Fund \$22, Convention Fund \$16 25, Christmas Fund \$28, Domestic Missions \$50, Foreign Missions \$50, Church Buildings \$110, New Orleans sufferers \$85 86, Rev. Mr. Breck's Indian Mission, (mainly by the children of the Sun-

day school,) \$80 29, Female Prayer Book Society \$14 24, other purposes \$246 25, total \$702 89.

Besides the church building and lot, the parish owns a comfortable Parsonage unincumbered by debt.

Amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive, besides the use of the Parsonage, \$900, which is always punctually paid.

Another parish has recently been organized in this city with encouraging prospects, chiefly through the efforts of the Rev. Robert Davis, and with the cordial consent of the Rector and vestry of Christ church. The name of the new parish is St. John's, and its charter has been presented to the present Convention for acceptance.

The rector feels constrained again to record his grateful sense of the kindness of his parishioners.

Report of the Rev. John Long, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Scranton, Luzerne County.

Congregation, families 55, adults 125, children 75, total 200; baptisms, adults 1, infants 17, total 18; confirmed 2; communicants, added 14, present number 32; marriages 3; burials 3; public services, on Sundays 145, other days 35, total 180; children catechized 80, times 14; Sunday school, teachers 9, pupils 100; collection, Convention Fund \$5, Missionary and other purposes \$65, Sunday School to African Mission \$5, total \$75; property other than church building and lot owned by the Parish, a lot for parsonage; foundation laid; lot worth \$500; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$400; arrears of salary \$185.

The prospects of gathering in this place a large congregation are very encouraging. The field for missionary effort is large and interesting. Our congregation gradually increases in numbers, so that it is no longer a question whether the church can be established at Scranton. God be praised for helping us hitherto; in Him we trust for the future.

Report of the Rev. Samuel T. Lord, Missionary in Crawford County.

Public services, on Sundays 55, other times 2, total 57; baptisms, infants 7; confirmations 3; communicants 12; number of places where I officiate 4; Holy communion administered 2, assisted in its administration 5 times; assisted in public service 30 times.

I am now giving one fourth of my time to Conneautville, one-fourth to Shermansville, and one-fourth to Richmond and Woodcock. The attendance on the services is respectable, though not equal to what we hope to find it. Having no organized parishes, we have had none of

the prescribed collections. My health is somewhat improved, though scarcely equal to my labors. Still I hope to accomplish more the coming year than I have done for the past.

Report of the Rev. Theodore Lyman, Rector of Trinity Church, Pittsburgh.

Baptisms, infants 50, adults 3, total 53; confirmed 18; marriages 10; funerals 16; communicants, died 6, removed 14, transferred to St. Peter's Church 29, added 20, present number 230; Collections, General Domestic Missions \$172, infirm clergymen \$70 11, General P. E. S. School Union \$80 60, Parish S. School, \$130 02, Advancement Society \$200, Episcopal Fund \$100, Convention Fund \$20, Communion Alms \$292 74, other contributions to missionary and charitable objects \$546 10, total \$1612 17.

In addition to the above, the sum of \$2000 has been contributed to remove the balance of a long standing debt, and we are thus enabled to report the parish as entirely free from debt.

It gives me pleasure also to report that during the past year a new and fine toned organ, from the manufactory of Mr. Jardine, of New York, has been placed in the church at a cost of \$1750, in addition to the valuation of the old organ. This sum has also been raised by the voluntary offerings of the congregation.

The connection between Trinity and St. Peter's Churches was dissolved in February last, by the completion of the organization of St. Peter's, and the election of a Vestry for that church.

Report of the Rev. A. A. Marple, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Wellsboro', Tioga Co.

Baptisms, adults 7, infants 6, total 13; burials 8; marriages 4; confirmed 10; communicants 75; upon the Sunday school roll we have the names of about 50 children and 5 teachers; the following collections have been taken up: Convention Fund \$10, Church building \$10, Parish Library \$20, Colonization Society \$6, Domestic Missions \$6, For. Missions \$10, Female Prayer Book Society \$4, New Orleans sufferers \$40; the Sunday school contributed \$12. The parish has also spent over \$150 in the erection of a neat barn upon the rectory lot.

The Rector has held three services on nearly every Sunday. Thirty of these services were held in school houses a few miles from the village. Monthly visits have been made to the towns of Tioga and Lawrenceville, though upon two occasions Lawrenceville was passed by. Blossburg has had one service; Covington three; Columbia, in the western part of Bradford county, one; Coudersport, the county seat

of Potter county, three services at one visit. We need a district Missionary.

What the Rector receives as salary he regards as equal to \$650. He bears his testimony also to many kindly and thoughtful acts on the part of his parishioners.

Report of the Rev. J. Gordon Maxwell, Rector of Emmanuel Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults 3, infants 25, total 28; confirmed 19; communicants, added 25, present number 200; marriages 3; burials 8; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 40, total 144; children catechized 170, several times openly in the Church; Sunday schools, male teachers 12, pupils 121, female teachers 18, pupils 163, total, teachers 30, pupils 284; Bible classes 2, members 35; collections, Episcopal Fund \$18, Convention Fund \$5, Missionary and other purposes \$745, total \$768.

Amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$1000, all paid.

Report of the Rev. John J. McElhinney, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Pittsburgh.

Congregation, families and parts of families 28, adults 75, children 50, total 125; baptisms, infants 8; confirmed 4; communicants, added 9, removed 4, present number 40; marriages 6; burial 1; public services, on Sundays 77, other days 3, total 80; children catechized on communion Sundays in the Sunday school, P. M.; Sunday school, teachers 15, pupils about 100; collections, Convention Fund \$2 50, Diocesan Missionary Society \$15, Parish Library Association \$5, total \$22 50.

Amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$250; arrears of salary \$17.

[Report of the Rev. Edwin Mendenhall, Rector of St. John's Church, Salem, and Zion Church, Sterling, Wayne County.

The number of families within the bounds of my mission to which I give religious instruction is about fifty. Many of these families live too remote from either of the parishes to enable them to attend the public services only occasionally. The communicants have heretofore been reported from St. John's parish. Since the consecration of Zion Church a portion of them attend the latter.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, SALEM.

Communicants, added 6, present number 29; marriages 3; burials

3 ; baptisms, adults 2, infants 4, total 6 ; services, at Salem 60, at Ledgeale 12, other places 10, total 82 ; salary received \$100 ; donations from both congregations \$75 ; collections, Advancement Society \$3, Female Prayer Book Society \$1 12½, Convention Fund \$2 62, for parochial purposes \$10, total \$16 74½.

ZION CHURCH, STERLING.

Communicants, added 3, present number 7 ; collections, for parochial purposes \$5 50, Episcopal Fund \$1 33, total \$6 83 ; salary received \$50.

Report of the Rev. Edward Meyer, Missionary among the Germans, and Assistant Minister of the Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia.

On the 6th of February last I resigned the charge of Bangor Church, Churchtown, and the Mission at Spring Grove, Lancaster County. The statistics of that parish I leave to be reported by my successor. Arriving in Philadelphia, on my way to a parish in another diocese, I was induced, at the instance of a number of brethren, to change my purpose, and engage, with the sanction and by appointment of the Bishop, in a Mission among the Germans of this City. Specific and generous pledges were made for its support, by a number of parishes and individuals. Sunday afternoon services in the German language have been held in St. John's Church, N. L., kindly tendered for the use of the Mission by the corporation. These services have hitherto been sparsely attended, as was expected at the beginning. Our main reliance in this work is on parochial labor, from house to house, "in the streets and lanes of the City," distributing Tracts, &c.

Many causes combine to make the work arduous ; we consider it, nevertheless, promising enough to warrant a full and fair trial.

On invitation of the Rector, and with the consent of the Bishop, I have also become Assistant Minister of the Church of the Atonement, in this City. An extensive missionary field around the locality of that Church invites attention and promises abundant reward.

Report of the Rev. G. D. Miles, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Wilkesbarre.

Congregation, families 96, adults 241, children 199, total 440 ; baptisms, infants 12 ; confirmed 5 ; communicants, added 9, died or removed 5, present number 102 ; marriages 5 ; burials 7 ; public services, on Sundays 98, other days 21, total 119 ; I have also preached at various places in the neighborhood, at Convocations, &c., making in all 141 sermons ; the children have not been catechized regularly, ow-

ing to absence from town for service at the hour when the school is held; one general Sunday school with about 100 scholars, one branch school 40 scholars; one infant school 50 scholars, total under instruction 214; teachers 25; Bible classes 2, members 24; collections, Episcopal Fund \$20, Convention Fund \$20, Missionary and other purposes \$423 56, total \$463 56. The following are the principal objects to which money has been appropriated: Foreign Missions \$95 (\$35 being the children's penny collections), Domestic Missions (through Missionary Association for the West) \$60, Diocesan Missions \$45, Sunday school purposes within the parish \$55 96, Christmas Fund \$20, Theological Seminary, Va. \$12, Parish Library \$14, Bible distribution in Luzerne county \$12, Church building \$14, Convocation purposes \$35, Prayer Book Societies \$20, communion offertory \$50 60.

Property other than the Church building and lot owned by the parish, lot for parsonage, cost about \$1000; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$700, no arrears.

The congregation of St. Stephen's are now engaged in the erection of a new Church building. The last sermon was preached in the old frame building, which had stood for 30 years, on Easter Sunday evening, 1853. The corner-stone of the new Church was laid by the Bishop on the 20th of June, and the work was so advanced that services were commenced in the basement on Christmas day. It is hoped that the present year will witness its completion. The whole amount subscribed thus far is \$9155. The old church building was sold for \$150, after reserving the pews for the lecture room. In addition to this the Ladies' Sewing Society has raised, within the last two years, \$1000 (now upon interest,) for furnishing the Church. The plan is a plain and substantial brick structure, of the Norman or Romanesque style, from Billings & Sleeper, Boston, and can be paid for within the parish. There will be upwards of 100 pews, the whole seating between six and seven hundred persons. The basement contains a large lecture and Sunday school room, a Bible-class room, and a room for the infant school.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, PITTSBURGH.

This Church has been under my charge during the larger portion of the present Conventional year. Services have been held regularly every other Sunday afternoon during the winter, amounting to 14 times in all. There are about 20 families, 7 communicants, and a Sunday school with 50 scholars and 9 teachers. A Ladies' Sewing Society has been organized, and efforts will be made to build a church as soon as a suitable lot is obtained.

Report of the Rev. D. S. Miller, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Frankford.

Congregation, families 180 ; baptisms, adults 11, infants 48, total 59 ; confirmed 32 ; communicants, added 56, died or removed 4, present number (1st May) 119 ; marriages 2 ; burials 12 ; public services, on Sundays 110, other days 51, total 162 ; children catechized monthly ; Sunday schools, male school, teachers 11, pupils 85, female school, teachers 16, pupils 115, infant school, teachers 2, pupils 120, total, schools 3, teachers 29, pupils 320 ; Bible classes 2 ; collections, Episcopal Fund \$10, Convention Fund \$10, Missionary and charitable objects \$681 93, other purposes \$189 12, total \$891 05.

Property other than the Church building and lot owned by the parish none, excepting a small frame on the Church lot ; indebtedness of the parish, none ; amount of salary \$300 ; arrears of salary none.

The present Rector's term began on the first of June last. He took actual charge shortly before the first of August, having been absent from the city after the resignation of his former place on July 1st. Until his coming, the pulpit here was supplied by various clergymen of the Diocese, its former incumbent having left before the first of May last.

The House Lectures, delivered at the dwellings of the congregation, which were begun in the Lent season of 1853, by the then Rector, have been held this spring again, up to the present date, and with much apparent benefit and acceptance.

Report of the Rev. George Mintzer, Rector of St. James' Church, Perkiomen, Montgomery County.

Congregation, families 62, adults 250, children 125, total 375 ; baptisms, adults 1, infants 10, total 11 ; communicants, died 4, present number 75 ; marriage 1 ; burials 8 ; public services, on Sunday 52, other days 6, total 58 ; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 2, pupils 30, female 1, teachers 7, pupils 35, total, schools 2, teachers 9, pupils 65 ; collections, Convention Fund \$2 50, Christmas Fund \$3 70, Domestic Missions \$3 50, Episcopal Fund \$2 50, other purposes \$90 45, total \$102 65.

Property other than Church building and lot owned by the parish, a parsonage, with about fifty acres of land, without debt ; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$300 ; arrears to the Rector \$100 50, for tax and repairs incurred at the parsonage.

The school house belonging to this Church is now being remodeled for the use of the Sunday school.

The Rector continues his labors at the Union Church as heretofore, on the afternoon of each Lord's day, where he administers the Word

and Ordinances with much delight to an attentive and interesting congregation. The Sunday school connected with this Church continues to flourish and to be a great blessing to the neighborhood. It numbers about one hundred pupils, and is conducted by two devoted teachers. Every effort is here made to cultivate the intellect and the hearts of those who attend upon the services.

Besides the religious instruction, a Course of Lectures on scientific subjects has been delivered on Thursday evenings to a large and interesting audience.

There are two libraries belonging to this Church, one for the use of children, the other for adults; the books have been well selected, and are very generally read.

Report of the Rev. Henry E. Montgomery, Rector of All Saints' Church, Moyameaning.

Baptisms, adults 2, infants 143, total 145; confirmed, 24; communicants, present number 220; marriages 50; burials 60; public services, Sundays 105, others 43, total 148; children catechized 12 times; Sunday schools 2, teachers 27, pupils 221; Bible classes 2, pupils 25; collections, Convention Fund \$10, Adv. Society \$30, enlargement of church building, a large portion from a friend without the parish, \$1655 62; Missionary and other purposes 904 81; salary of Rector \$1200, no arrears.

The Rector of All Saints' Church, with the Rev. Dr. Newton, held weekly cottage lectures in the lower part of this district from October 1858, to the beginning of Lent of the present year.

They were generally well attended and produced much good, it is believed, to both teachers and hearers. The collects and hymns of the Prayer book were used, and one or two brief expositions of Scripture given on such occasion.

Report of the Rev. William White Montgomery, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Sunbury, and St. Mark's, Northumberland, and officiating in Christ Church, Milton, Northumberland County.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, SUNBURY.

Congregation, families and parts of families 20, adults 56, children 40, total 96; baptisms, infants 3; confirmed 3; communicants, added 4, present number 24; burials 11; public services, on Sundays 38, other days 26, total 64; children catechized several times; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 5, pupils 20, female 1, teachers 5, pupils 30, total, schools 2, teachers 10, pupils, 50; collections, Convention Fund \$3 27, Society Advancement of Christianity \$15 50, Mis-

sionary and other purposes 45 07, Building Fund at Easter \$2 50, total \$66 34.

No other property than the Church Building and Lot is owned by the parish. About \$600 are in hand for the erection of a brick building for the Sunday Schools. The Parish Church is free of debt. Amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$200, which is, at the present date, very much in arrears.

ST. MARK'S, NORTHUMBERLAND.

Congregation, families 8, adults 15, children 30, total 45 ; baptisms, adults 1, infants 7, total 8 ; confirmed 7 ; communicants, added 3, removed 2, present number 10 ; burials 4 ; public services, on Sundays 37, other days 12, total 49 ; children catechized several times ; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 2, pupils 12, female 1, teachers 2, pupils 16, total schools 2, teachers 4, pupils 28 ; collections, Convention Fund \$1 50, Society for the Advancement of Christianity \$8 53, Missionary and other purposes \$37 48, Building Fund at Easter \$1 05, total 51 56.

No other property than the church building and lot owned by the parish. The church building is free from debt. Amount of salary contributed \$100, which is regularly paid, and not in arrears. The congregation is small in *numbers* but not in *strength* ; "Who hath despised the day of small things ; for they *shall rejoice*."

CHRIST CHURCH, MILTON.

According to the direction of the Bishop, I have continued in charge of this parish since my last report, and officiated several times ; services have been also held by the Bishop, and the Rev. Mr. Furey, the former Missionary. The parish still needs more frequent services and more regular pastoral care than I can give it. Families and parts of families 9, adults 15, children 10, total 25 ; communicants 12, burials 2.

Report of the Rev. B. Wistar Morris, Rector of St. David's Church, Manayunk.

Congregation, families 165 ; baptisms, adults 7, infants 50, total 57 ; confirmed 20 ; communicants, added 15, died or removed 5, dropped from the list for long continued neglect 14, present number 132 ; marriages 5 ; burials 30 ; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 15, total 119 ; children catechized monthly in the Church ; Sunday school 1, teachers 24, pupils 265 ; collections, Christmas Fund \$15, Domestic Missions \$8, Schuylkill Convocation Fund \$18 50, Church

Hospital 65 75, Poor of the Parish \$46 98, Sunday School \$76 25, Repairs of the Church (debt) \$100, total \$330 43.

The collections reported above for the Church Hospital, together with collections made last year make the sum of \$100, on which has been paid to the Treasurer of the Hospital in the name of the Parish of St. David's Church. We hope yet to make this contribution equal \$300, which according to the present rates will entitle the Parish to fourteen weeks board and attendance annually for all time.

The Rector's salary for the coming year is \$800, which has always been fully and punctually paid.

Report of the Rev. Jacob B. Moras, Rector of St. John's Church, Carlisle, Cumberland County.

Congregation, families and parts of families about 60, adults about 126, children and young persons 150; baptisms, infants 8; several candidates for confirmation awaiting the Bishop's visitation; communicants, added 5, died 2, present number 50; marriages 8; burials 4; public services, on Sundays 104, festivals and other days 48, total 152; Sunday schools, male and female 2, teachers 7, children 70; collections, Episcopal Fund \$10, Convention Fund \$8, Society for Advancement of Christianity \$25, Christmas Fund \$15 65, Easter offerings for church building \$6 78, other contributions for church purposes amounting to \$150. Salary of the Rector \$500, paid quarterly and promptly by the Treasurer. Church property, the edifice and square on which it stands, free from encumbrance; also a few hundred dollars accumulating for the purpose of building a parsonage at some future day.

Report of the Rev. Henry J. Morton, Rector of St. James' Church, Philadelphia.

Congregation, families 160, total about 800; baptisms, 50; confirmed 14; communicants, added 12, present number about 250; marriages 12; public services, on Sundays 80, other days 80, total 160; children catechized 153 times publicly, in church twice, weekly in school; Sunday school 1, teachers 22, pupils 153; Parish school 1, teachers 2, scholars 51. A night school for young men has been established through the efforts of the Rev. G. T. Huntington, aided by members of the congregation, and has proved highly satisfactory in its influences. There are six teachers and *thirty-one* scholars—*young men and boys at trades who learn reading, writing and arithmetic, and seem grateful for the instruction afforded.* The church was closed during the months of June, July, August, September, October

and November, and the usual collections for church objects during those periods were consequently omitted.

Collections, Episcopal Fund \$150, Convention Fund \$62 83, Missionary and other purposes \$1371, total \$1590. In addition to this the congregation has contributed for alteration in the church building upwards of \$6000, making a total of over \$7500 collected during the year.

Report of the Rev. John K. Murphy, Rector of Calvary Church, Rockdale, and St. John's Church, Concord, Delaware County.

CALVARY CHURCH, ROCKDALE.

Congregation, families 51; baptisms, adults 10, infants 30, total 40; confirmed 15; communicants, added 15, died or removed 8, present number 46; marriages 5; funerals 23; public services, on Sundays 94, other days 46, total 140; children "catechized openly" monthly; Sunday school 1, teachers 14, pupils 96, infant school 1, teachers 2, pupils 42, total, teachers 16, pupils 138; Bible classes 2, pupils 16; collections, Convention Fund \$5, Missions \$13, Advancement Society \$3 87, Offertory \$30 64. Salary, promptly paid, \$400.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, CONCORD.

Congregation, families 29; baptisms, adults 1, infants 6, total 7; confirmed 2; communicants, added 4, present number 28; marriages 2; funerals 4; public services, on Sundays 51, other days 2, total 53; collections, Convention Fund \$5, Church debt \$37 50, Offertory \$38 87. Salary \$270; still due \$20.

There is now no debt against the church property. During the past year several praiseworthy efforts have been made by the members of the congregation to render their place of worship more comfortable, and to improve and decently enclose the cemetery and other grounds of the church. Nearly \$800 have been collected from sources entirely within the parish, and have been appropriated by the vestry in such a way as to show a growing interest in the things requisite for the service and house of God.

Report of the Rev. S. Nash, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Blairsville, and Christ Church, Indiana, Indiana County.

Baptisms, infants 3; communicants, present number 10; marriage 1; burial 1; collections, Convention Fund \$2 34, Missionary and other purposes \$8 34, total \$10 68.

This parish is in a depressed condition. Removals, deaths and destitution of pastoral services have reduced them to a state of feebleness and discouragement, that gives little hope of immediate improvement. The few that remain are desirous for continuance of services, but their means for securing that object are very limited, and cannot effect the object without aid from abroad.

CHRIST CHURCH, INDIANA.

Baptisms, infants 4 ; communicants, present number 5.

This parish is entirely new and has as yet no house of worship.—Services have been regularly performed twice on every alternate Sabbath, in the Lutheran house of worship, which, not being in use on that day by the owners, was obtained for the purpose. An eligible lot has been purchased and it is probable that a church will be erected if services should be continued another year.

Report of the Rev. George W. Natt, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, West Philadelphia.

Congregation, families about 20, adults 60, children 40, total 100 ; baptisms, adults 4, infants 13, total 17 ; confirmed 11 ; communicants, added 8, died or removed 5, present number 27 ; marriages 2 ; burials 8 ; public services, on Sundays 87, other days 56, total 143 ; children catechized in the Sunday school, monthly ; Sunday school 1, male teachers 2, female teachers 10, pupils about 100 ; collections, Episcopal Fund \$4 25, Convention Fund \$2 75, Society Advancement of Christianity \$10, Missionary and other purposes \$195 20, total \$212 20. Property other than the church building and lot owned by the parish, none. Amount of indebtedness of the church of the parish, about \$2000. Amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive, \$500 per annum, no arrears.

Report of the Rev. Richard Newton, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults 7, infants 17, total 24 ; confirmed 26 ; communicants, added 38, died or removed 4, present number 434 ; marriages 17 ; burials 11 ; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 130, total 234 ; children catechized every month ; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 18, scholars 136 ; female 2, teachers 28, scholars 311, total schools 3, teachers 44, scholars 447 ; Bible classes 2, pupils 27 ; collections, Episcopal Fund \$150 ; Convention Fund \$40 ; Missionary and other purposes \$3754 11, total \$3944 11 ; Rector's salary \$2500, paid punctually ; church debt \$3000.

Report of the Rev. W. H. Odenheimer, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia

Congregation about 250 families; baptisms, adults 15, infants 122, total 137; confirmed 35; communicants, added 54, died or removed 44, present number 376; marriages 41; burials 27; public services, on Sundays 107, holy days and daily 692, at Christ Church Hospital 25, total 824; children catechized, on the last Sunday in the month, on all the holy days, and on Fridays 93; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 8, pupils 65, female 1, teachers 28, pupils 190; infant 1, teachers 6, pupils 53, day school 1, teachers 3, pupils 155; Bible and catechetical classes 3, teachers 3, pupils 110; collections, Episcopal Fund \$150, Convention Fund \$75; Soc. Adv. of Christianity \$350; Missionary and other purposes \$4839 45, total \$5414 45; special distribution of charities \$608 26; rector's salary \$2450, punctually paid; church debt \$9350; church property, exclusive of building and lot \$9270.

The Rector reports, with pleasure, that a vigorous effort is making in the congregation to raise \$15000 to pay off the church debt, and for other parochial purposes.

He has officiated, as usual, during 6 months of the past year as a chaplain in Christ Church Hospital.

Report of the Rev. F. Ogilby, Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults 2, infants 15; confirmed 13; communicants, died or removed 11, added 18, total on list corrected since last year 190; married 7; buried 6; services, on Sundays 104, week days 68. The Sunday school meets twice every Sunday, under the instruction of fourteen efficient teachers. There are male and female Bible classes. It is hoped that this department of the parish will be enlarged during the present year. Arrangements have been completed for opening a parish school, under an experienced teacher, on the 1st of September next. The Rector is also happy to report that the sum of \$1200, which we undertook to raise, in order to pay off all debts incurred by the parish, has been completely made up. The only debt of the church now is a permanent mortgage of \$2000, and one or two bonds of \$100. Two creditors, one a parishioner, generously relinquished claims against the church to the amount of \$1400. Measures have already been commenced to create a sinking fund to pay off the mortgage. The income of the church, notwithstanding the loss of \$200 a year for the rent of the school-rooms, has increased during the past year.

Collections for parish and other objects, not including the offertory

at communions, have amounted to \$330 29. The Rector's salary has been paid.

The Rev. Wm. H. Paddock, District Missionary in Western Pennsylvania

Reports that from the rising of the last Convention to the first of July following, severe illness prevented him from performing any official duty; that while he has visited various other parts of Western Pennsylvania, his services have been mostly confined to six counties around Pittsburgh; that, in addition to Sunday services throughout his district, he has held, in connection with his clerical brethren in various parishes, since the first of December, two missionary services on the Thursday of each week, the month of February excepted, for the Diocesan Missionary Society; (the services are now continued every Thursday for eight months in the year,) the results of which are an annual subscription at 6½ cents per week for each member, of \$357, and increasing quarterly, together with great temporal and spiritual progress; that, besides assisting in the erection of several churches, he has superintended the building of Christ Church, Greensburg, (a beautiful Gothic brick edifice with 300 sittings,) which, together with St. Paul's, Mount Braddock, the Bishop consecrated to the service of Almighty God in the first week of the present month; and that he has travelled, in the performance of his duty, on an average of nearly one hundred miles per week.

Report of the Rev. R. O. Page, Rector of Christ Church, Danville, Montour Co.

Baptisms, infants 23, adult 1, total 24; confirmed 11; communicants, added 22, died or removed 6, present number 76;* marriages 5; burials 14; public services—their constancy and regularity somewhat interrupted by sickness during the winter—on days other than Sunday 16; Sunday school 1, teachers 9, pupils 95; children catechized weekly; collections, Bishop White Prayer-Book Society \$8, Convocation Fund \$8 54, Convention Fund \$5 62, Sunday school \$14 75, Church Building Fund \$8 50, Christmas Fund \$13 90, other purposes \$262 54, total \$316 28.

Rector's salary, besides a house, is \$500, and is promptly paid. In addition to the salary, being unwilling the Rector should suffer for want of support, the parish have kindly made up in gratuities during the winter about \$175 in money, besides other gifts.

In addition to the above a third service is had semi-monthly in St. James' Church, Derry.

* The number of communicants should have been reported as 60 in the last report, (see page 118 of Journal of 1863,) but was omitted by mistake.

**Report of the Rev. George Lewis Platt, Rector of the Church of the Mediator,
Philadelphia.**

Congregation, families 75 ; baptisms, adults 1, infants 39, total 40 ; confirmed 21 ; communicants, added 2, died or removed 8, present number 100 ; marriages 8 ; burials 13 ; public services, on Sundays 103, other days 28, total 131 ; Sunday schools, male 2, teachers 14, pupils 135, female 2, teachers 18, pupils 170, total, schools 4, teachers 32, pupils 305 ; Bible classes 2, members 32 ; collections, missionary, charitable and other purposes \$337 39, for gallery for Sunday-school scholars \$400, proceeds of fair, collections and subscriptions for church indebtedness and current expenses \$1444, total \$2181 39 ; property other than the church building and lot owned by the parish, Sunday-school building and lot ; amount of indebtedness of the church of the parish, for current expenses \$600 ; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$900.

The church is located in an improving neighborhood, and with an evidently increasing interest in its prosperity and usefulness, there is good reason to hope that it will soon have a well-established congregation, and by its services, its Sunday schools and its Dorcas Society, become still more widely a means of blessed influence among a once neglected population.

**Report of the Rev. A. Prior, Rector of St. James' Church, Schuylkill Haven,
Schuylkill County.**

Congregation, families 29, adults 61, children 55, total 116 ; baptisms, infants 10 ; confirmed 4 ; communicants, added 4, died or removed 3, present number 22 ; marriages 3 ; burials 5 ; public service, on Sundays 85, other days 2, total 87 ; children catechized, as often as practicable ; Sunday school 1, teachers 8, pupils 75 ; Bible class 1, members 12 ; collections, Convention Fund \$5, Soc. Adv. of Christianity \$5, missionary and other purposes \$150, total \$160 ; statistics of parish—amount of indebtedness of the church of the parish about \$1300 ; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$150 ; arrears of salary about \$40.

The Rector continues to officiate at Heckcherville. Connected with this mission is a Sunday school, numbering about 60 pupils, with the requisite number of teachers. This part of Schuylkill County is filling up rapidly with a mining population, and presents an encouraging field for missionary labor. I purpose, therefore, not only to continue, but to extend the sphere of my missionary operations to other portions not embraced in the Heckcherville district. From this mission I receive \$100.

Report of the Rev. C. W. Quick, Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Pittsburgh.

Baptisms, infants 10; communicants, added 5, died 4, present number 76; funerals 17; public services, on Sundays 107, other days 69, total 173; Sunday school, teachers 15, scholars 128; Revenue, \$1250; collections, Convention Fund \$5, charitable objects \$80.

Report of Rev. Samuel Randall, Rector of St. James' Church, Allegheny County.

Congregation, families 33; adults 79, children 71, total 150; baptisms, adult 1, infant 12, total 13; confirmed 13; communicants, added 17, died or removed 15, present number 40; marriages 3; burials 4; public services, on Sundays 100, other days 6, total 106; children catechized 10 times; Sunday school, teachers 18, pupils about 100; collections, Convention Fund \$7, Female Prayer-Book Society \$11, for the poor and other purposes \$64, total \$82; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$800.

Of the 33 families reported to the last Convention, seventeen only remained when the present minister took charge a year ago. The prospects of the parish are brightening. A substantial brick church edifice for its use is to be finished in December. It will be built in the most economical manner consistent with durability and good taste. It will have from seven to eight hundred sittings; and it is confidently hoped that hundreds of the operative classes, so numerous in its neighborhood, will be found steadily worshipping within its walls.

Report of the Rev. John Rodney, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Germantown.

Congregation, families 120, embracing of adults and children about 600 persons; communicants, added 41, died or removed 12, total 227; baptisms, 16 children and 3 adults, total 19; confirmed 7; marriages 5; funerals 16; the Sunday school numbers 140 in regular attendance, under the tuition of about 20 regular teachers; collections, for missionary and benevolent purposes, together with the contributions of the Ladies' Association, have amounted to \$600 during the year, and \$400 have been expended on the church from the surplus contingent fund; the salary of the Rector (\$1060) is paid punctually and quarterly in advance.

Report of the Rev. Joel Rudderow, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Bloomsburg, Columbia County.

Congregation, same as last year; baptisms, adults 2, infants 7, total 9; confirmed 5; communicants, added 4, died or removed 5, struck

off the list 2; present number 113; marriages 6; burials 6; public services, on Sundays 70, other days 10, total 80. I have no means at present of making an accurate report of the Sunday schools and Bible classes. They however continue to flourish, and a correct statement would vary but little from that made last year. Church property, same as reported heretofore; church debt, has been nearly or entirely liquidated since I resigned my charge; collections, for Diocesan Missions \$7 07, church debt \$38 88, Convention Fund \$5 71, domestic missions \$12 77; convocation fund \$8 31; Christmas fund \$9, foreign missions \$12 50, total \$88 74.

I vacated this parish on the 8th of February, 1854, and while it gives me pleasure to bear witness to the universal kindness with which I have been treated, not being able to recall a single instance of unpleasantness between myself and a parishioner during this my first charge, I feel it due the parish to state that my salary for the last year, of \$550, was considerably overpaid, many having paid me for the entire year, whereas I was engaged in pastoral duties with them only during three-quarters of the year.

CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH, PORT RICHMOND.

I took charge of this parish February 8th, 1854, since which time there have been, baptisms, adults 4, infants 5, total 9; communicants, added 5, removed 1, present number (as taken from the list) 45; marriages 1; burials 2; public services, on Sundays 28, other days 18, total 46; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 6, pupils 45, female 1, teachers 6, pupils 48, total, schools 2, teachers 12, pupils 93; church property and debt same as last year; collections, Diocesan Church Extension \$8 25, Convention Fund \$5, Missionary and other purposes \$24 94, total \$38 19; Rector's salary \$400.

Report of the Rev. Theodore S. Rumney, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Uniontown, and of Grace Church, Menallen Township, Fayette County.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, UNIONTOWN.

Congregation, families 35, adults 107, infants and children 65, total 172; baptisms, adults 2, infants 6 total 8; communicants, added 7, died or removed 3, present number 48; burial 1; public services, on Sundays 68, other days 30, total 98; children catechized monthly in the Church; Sunday school 1, teachers, male 2, female 10, total 12; scholars, male 25, female 55, total 80; collections, for Missionary, Church repairs and other purposes, \$336 62.

Property other than the Church building and lot, none; amount of

indebtedness of the Church of the Parish, none; amount of salary the Clergyman is entitled to receive \$300; arrears of salary, none. We are thankful to report our Parish *free* of debt. The old long standing indebtedness, through the kindness of friends and the exertions of the Ladies, has been entirely removed, while the same faithful laborers in God's vineyard have, during the past winter realized, by another Fair, a full sufficiency to meet all other liabilities of the Church incurred in finishing the interior. We are now preparing to finish the exterior, which we hope to do without involving the Church in debt, by the means of our own strenuous efforts, and a little aid from our friends abroad. The number of public services is smaller than usual, on account of the Rector's absence for four months.

GRACE CHURCH, MENALLEN.

Services have been held regularly in the Church, on the afternoons of the second and fourth Sundays of the month. The attendance is always good, and though we can as yet report no additions to the number of communicants, the Almighty is now operating upon some hearts, whom we hope soon to welcome among the acknowledged followers of the Lord Jesus. Many who attend the Church are members of some religious denomination, yet are constant in their attendance upon our services.

An interest has been awakened in the Church, and it is hoped before long, that a vestry-room and tower will be added, which will give the building a more *Churchlike* appearance. The present number of communicants is 6.

Report of Rev. Peter Russell, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Mauch Chunk, and St. Philip's, Summit Hill, Carbon County.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, MAUCH CHUNK.

Congregation, families 32, adults 82, children 80, total 162; baptisms, adults 2, infants 15, total 17; confirmed 6; communicants, added 9, removed 2, present number 30; marriages 5, burials 10, public services, on Sundays 80, other days 10, total 90; children catechized monthly; Sunday school 1, teachers 8, pupils 60; Bible class 1, members 12; collections, Episcopal Fund \$2, Convention Fund \$2, Domestic Missions \$5, Christmas Fund \$10, Church Building \$10, Parochial purposes \$5 84, total \$613.

Parish free from debt. A lot of ground for a Parsonage was purchased during the year, costing \$150; also, a Melodeon, costing \$160; salary \$300; no arrears.

I continue holding service at the village of Nesquehoning, on

alternate Sunday evenings. Number of services during the year, 25.

I also held 12 services at Rock Port, and 11 at White Haven on the Upper Lehigh. I was, however, compelled to give up these places last winter, in consequence of the removal of the Rev. Mr. Christman from this region to Pottstown.

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, SUMMIT HILL.

Congregation, families 25, adults 70, children 62, total 132; baptisms, adults 1, infants 7, total 8; confirmed 4; communicants, added 4, died 1, present number 26; burials 2, public services, on Sundays 70, on other days 5, total 75; Sunday school 1, teachers 7, scholars 60; collections, Episcopal Fund \$2, Convention Fund \$2, Domestic Missions \$5, Church Building \$10, Parochial purposes \$75, total \$94.

For statistics of Parish, see last report. No specified salary is promised. Paid last year, \$160. This Parish would increase much more rapidly than it does, were it not for the changes and removals which are constantly taking place in the population. The field, however, is an important one, and should receive the undivided attention of Clergymen.

The services reported above, include those performed by the Rev. Mr. Christman, who was associated with me until last February; since then I have had the entire charge of the congregation.

Report of Rev. Geo. Sheetz, Rector of Trinity Church, Oxford.

Baptisms, infants 5; marriages 9; communicants about 25; salary paid \$625.

As a thorough repair of this ancient Church-edifice was commenced in Advent, there was only the opportunity of making a collection for Domestic Missions, on the first Sunday, of five dollars. Services in the Church were necessarily discontinued for the winter, but the Rector found ample scope for labor, by having a routine of appointments at Tacony, Sandyhill, Fox Chase, and Milestown, which were gratefully received and most satisfactorily performed. The Rector is happy in knowing that he leaves the sphere of long continued efforts in cordial and mutual fellowship with all the different denominations of Orthodox Christians. And, with unfeigned gratitude for the many obligations conferred on him by his particular charge, his most earnest prayers are, for the continual dew of God's blessing upon them and theirs, in this and in the world to come.

Report of the Rev. G. M. Skinner, Rector of the Parish of St. Mark's Church, New Milford, Susquehanna County.

Congregation, families 33, adults 80, children 32, total 112; bap-

tisms, adult 1; confirmed 2; communicants, added 4, died 2, removed 2, present number 42; burials 3; public services, on Sundays 63, other days 35, total 98; children catechized 16, times 10; Sunday school 1, teachers 5, pupils 23; Bible class 1, members 5; collections, Episcopal Fund \$4, Convention Fund \$3 50, Soc. Adv. of Christianity \$10 50, Missionary and other purposes \$126 10; Sunday school for For. Missions \$2. Property other than the Church building and lot owned by the parish \$750; indebtedness none. Amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$200; arrears of salary \$7 50.

GRACE CHURCH, LODERSVILLE.

Congregation, families 26, adults 45, children 25, total 68; baptism, infant 1; communicants, added 1, removed 1, present number 7; burials 2; services, on Sundays 48. Our Church is not yet completed for want of funds.

Report of Jacob L. Smith, Warden of St. Jude's Church, Spring Garden, Philada.

Congregation, families 42; communicants, added 1, died or removed 8, present number 56; public services, on Sundays 98, other days 4, total 102; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 8, pupils 85; female 1, teachers 12, pupils 97, total, schools 2, teachers 20, pupils 182, Bible class 1, members 8; collections, Missionary and other purposes \$351.

There is no debt for ground rent; no other property belonging to the Church. Amount of salary the Clergyman is entitled to receive, \$1200.

The Rectorship has been vacant for the last ten months, but the Rev. E. Lounsbury has been called, and accepted the charge of the Parish, and will enter upon his duties the first Sunday of this month.

Report of the Rev. J. Brinton Smith, Rector of St. James' Church, Kingessing Township, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults 6, infants 14, total 20; confirmed 16; communicants, added 17, died or removed 7, suspended 1, present number 80; marriages 5; burials 18; public services, on Sundays 105, other days 52, total 157; collections, Episcopal Fund \$14; Convention Fund \$6 87, Missionary and other purposes \$309 22, total \$330 02. The debt on the Parsonage the same as last year reported.

The Rector's salary is punctually paid. It affords me great pleasure to be able to report that the Church building is in process of enlargement. Its capacity will be increased by fifty odd pews, and its whole appearance much improved.

Report of the Rev. Joseph H. Smith, Jr., Rector of Calvary Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults 6, children 65, total 71; confirmed 19; communicants, added 35, died or removed 11, present number 105; marriages 35; burials 60; public services, on Sundays 111, other days 203, total 314; children catechized 160, times 51; Sunday school 1, teachers 27, pupils 160, Bible class 1, members 35; collections, charities about home \$120 39, maintenance of church and school \$880, school house and organ funds, and improvements to church and grounds 439 19, total \$1439 49.

Statistics of the Parish. The lot at the north side of the Church, 30 by 100 feet, is held for our use; and it is our purpose to erect on it a school-house and parsonage. There *was* a mortgage of \$3000 upon the church edifice, whereof *one thousand* dollars have been paid during the past year; the *interest* on the mortgage has always been met by the rent of the store and stable now occupying the parsonage lot. The salary is \$400, on which there are no arrears.

In consequence of the peculiar character of this congregation I am not able to report the number of families and individuals comprising it; if I should return all who occasionally attend this church and go nowhere else, and who depend entirely upon me for the ministrations of religion while living, and for the burial of their dead, I would give a far too flattering account of our success here; while on the other hand a report embracing those only whose names are down as regular contributors of stated sums, would fall below the number who rightly belong here.

The accompanying report of ministerial acts conveys the best idea of our present condition.

Thanks to God, blessing on the persevering efforts of "The Ladies' Missionary Association of Christ Church, Philadelphia," this MONUMENT TO BISHOP WHITE is now completed, with the exception of the *spire*, which is to be the gift of the Sunday Schools of St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia; about three-fourths of the required sum is already received and invested.

As soon as the mortgage on the church is paid by the Missionary Association before named, we hope to begin our school house, which is greatly needed for the accommodation of the Sunday school, and also of a Parish school.

Report of the Rev. Richard Smith, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Waterford, Erie County, &c.

Congregation, families 34; baptisms, infants 2; at St. Luke's, Char-

tiers, adult 1, children 5; confirmed, at St. Luke's, Chartiers, 11, one in private, present number 18; marriage 1; burials 1; public services, on Sundays 14; Sunday schools, male 3, school 1, teachers 7. pupils 25; Bible class 1, members 9.

Statistics of parish. At St. Luke's, Chartiers, public services, on Sundays 42; at Mount Washington, Grace Church, 2; other acts have been performed at Pittsburgh besides my Missionary duties.

Your Missionary labored only part of the year at Waterford, Erie County, leaving them more numerous and in a better condition than he found them four years before. I was called in June to the duties of City Missionary at Pittsburgh, and also took charge of St. Luke's Church, at Chartiers Creek; I have since been elected their Rector here, and have labored with more encouragement than any place I have labored before, with every prospect of building up a settled congregation.

I also commenced services at Lawrenceville, and preached once in two weeks till Lent, during which I preached every Sunday at Chartiers. Since I have commenced holding public services at McKee's Rocks, with encouraging prospects of building a small church, I have had from 20 to 30 adults in attendance some three times I have been there; lately I have been called to give services at Grace Church, Mount Washington, where I have given three services; thus though well stricken in years, you may see I have used some diligence. In my City Missionary duties I really felt the promise fulfilled: In watering others, God has mercifully watered and blessed my own soul. O for more of that spirit and zeal which influenced our Divine Master, that we may follow His example in doing good to men and glorifying God.

Report of the Rev. Nathan Stem, Rector of St. John's Church, Norristown.

Congregation, families about 100; baptisms, adults 2, children 22, total 24; communicants, added 5, died or removed 10, present number 105; confirmed 12; marriages 13; burials 24; public services, on Sundays 100, other days 45, total 145; Sunday school 1, teachers 28, scholars 150; collections, Episcopal Fund \$8 76, Convention Fund \$8, Missionary and other purposes \$125, total \$141 76.

Report of the Rev. William Bacon Stevens, D. D., Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia.

Congregation, families 338, total 1347; baptisms, adults 9, infants 27, total 36; confirmed 21; communicants, added 34, died or removed

29, present number 629; marriages 20; burials 22, public services, on Sundays 108, other days 43, total 151; Sunday schools, male 2, teachers 20, pupils 173, female 2, teachers 26, pupils 274, infant schools 2, teachers 3, pupils 150, Bible classes 3, members 61, total, teachers 52, pupils 657; collections, Episcopal Fund \$150, Convention Fund \$123, Missionary and other purposes \$11,631, total \$11,804.

Amount of indebtedness of the Parish, \$4,000; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$3,000, arrears none.

Report of the Rev. J. A. Stone, Rector of Calvary Church, Tamaqua, Schuylkill County.

The present incumbent of this parish having so recently taken charge, is unable to give correctly, the required statistics. He would, however, report the baptism of three infants.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle has been re-organized, and the members have entered upon their work with much earnestness and spirit.

"Cottage Lectures" have been established with the prospect of accomplishing decided good. There are various encouraging indications that this young parish, with due care and attention, will become one of influence and importance.

The undersigned, during his temporary connection, the past year, with St. Luke's Church, Philadelphia, and as missionary in Moyamensing, was engaged every Sunday in assisting the Rector, or in officiating in other churches in the city or vicinity. During the week his time was fully occupied in performing parochial and missionary duty, of which a large city presents so wide a field.

Marriages 4; infant baptisms 26; burials 19.

Report of the Rev. William Suddards, Rector of Grace Church, Philadelphia.

Congregation, families 200, total 1200; baptisms, adults 8, infants 33, total 41; confirmed 19; communicants, added 24, died or removed 28, present number 506; marriages 16; burials 20; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 75, total 179; children catechized; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 15, pupils 135, female 1, teachers 31, pupils 187, total, schools 2, teachers 46, pupils 322; Bible classes 2, members 71; collections, Episcopal Fund \$150, Missionary and other purposes \$5800, total \$5950. Property other than the church building and lot owned by the parish, none; amount of indebtedness of the church of the parish, between \$3 and \$4000; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive, \$2500; arrears of salary, none.

Another effort has been made during the past year to reduce the ground-rent debt of the church edifice. Nearly \$3000 have been thus appropriated, leaving about \$4000 still unpaid. The children of the Sunday Schools under the influence and example of their teachers have shown a remarkable spirit of zeal and liberality in the cause of missions, by contributing nearly one thousand dollars for the education of children in Africa, and the support of the Gospel in our own Diocese. It is to be hoped that the habit which is thus cherished will grow stronger and stronger, and that the missionary spirit thus early developed will lead many of them to consecrate themselves in future life to the great work of serving God in their generation, by preaching the everlasting Gospel.

Report of the Rev. Joseph P. Taylor.

CHRIST CHURCH, NEW BRIGHTON.

Infant baptisms 12 ; communicants, added 2, removed 3, present number 27 ; marriages 5 ; burials 4 ; Sunday school teachers 10, children under instruction 70 ; collections, Convention Fund \$2, Disabled Clergymen \$7 37, objects within the parish \$70, in all \$79 37.

During the months of July, August and September, while I was absent on a visit in Europe, Rev. Dr. Berry, of the Diocese of Ohio, held my place, and regularly sustained the services of the church, and carefully attended to the wants of the people committed to my charge.

TRINITY CHURCH, ROCHESTER.

Once a month I have held a single service in this parish, when I have had a congregation of 40 or 50 persons. This is the only public religious service held in the place. *There is no church edifice, no resident minister of any Christian name within the limits of the town;* and Rochester has a population of a thousand, which is daily increasing. Will not wealthy churchmen of the Diocese aid me in an effort which I am now making to build a church at this place ?

TRINITY CHURCH, NEW CASTLE.

On urgent solicitation I took this parish under my pastoral care in the month of June, promising to give it what aid and time I had in my power to bestow. A room which for a time can be occupied as a church has been obtained, and an active missionary is now assisting

me in this field of duty. A legacy, known as the Andrews' property, in value about \$4000, came into the possession of this parish by the decease of Mrs. Andrews in May last.

Number of families 28; communicants 14. There have been no baptisms in the past year.

Report of the Rev. Richard Temple, Rector of Christ Church, Brownsville, Fayette County.

Congregation, about 48 families; baptisms, adults 3, infants 13, total 16; confirmed 2; communicants, added 4, died or removed 12, present number about 50; marriage 1; burials 6; public services 115; Sunday schools 2, teachers and pupils about 219. Rector's salary \$500 and the parsonage; arrears of salary, none; church property other than church and lot, \$2000, parsonage and sexton's house. Contributions for benevolent purposes \$2464.

In addition to stated labors at Brownsville, occasional services have been held at St. Peter's Church, Pike Run, Washington county, and, also, at West Brownsville, where a small church is to be erected as soon as a convenient lot can be secured. Through the liberality of friends in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, the necessary funds have been raised.

During the past year we have suffered much by the removal of nine Episcopal families from Brownsville.

Report of the Rev. Anthony Ten Brock, Rector of St. James the Less, North Penn Township, Philadelphia.

The undersigned accepted the call to the Rectorship, on the 6th of May, 1853, entered upon the duties of the office on the 24th of July, and was instituted by the Bishop on the first Sunday in September. He has to report: baptisms, adults 2, infants 11, total 13; communicants, added 14, removed 2, ordained 1, present number 33; burials 5 (of which 3 were of persons non-resident); public services, on Sundays 81, other days 388, total (since July 24th) 469. The Lord's Supper is administered on every Lord's day, and on Christmas and Ascension day.

It is impossible to state in the present report, with any certainty of being accurate, the number of families belonging to the parish. There are no pew-holders, and nothing but a Rector's list will supply the information. The present incumbent found nothing of the sort, and is under the necessity of having one made. Circumstances known to the Bishop, have interfered with full parochial work until quite re-

cently. A plan of visitation is now in operation, which will result, it is hoped, in a complete view of this charge.

The Rector's Warden will furnish a portion of the statistics noted in the published form of Parochial Report.

Special and General collections, Convention Fund \$8 20, Missionary and other objects \$432 32, receipts from all sources other than for building, rectory and hall, \$1884 86.

Report of the Rev. Charles West Thomson, Rector of St. John's Church, York, York County.

Baptisms, infants 9; confirmed 3; communicants, added 8, died or removed 10, present number 57; marriages 4; burials 8; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 28, total 132; children catechized 12 times; Sunday school, male teachers 4, pupils 23, female teachers 11, pupils 27, infant school, pupils, male 12, female 22, total, teachers 15, pupils 84; collections, Convention Fund \$27 02, Missionary purposes \$52 53, total \$79 55. The only property the parish holds besides the church edifice and lot, are the parsonage and ground belonging thereto, and the building mentioned below.

We have been obliged by the necessity of providing better accommodation for our Sunday School, though very unwillingly, to increase our indebtedness by the erection of a plain but neat frame building, which is used for a Lecture and Sunday School room. Our debt may now be estimated at about \$800, but we are at present engaged in an effort to pay it off, and hope to be able to do so at no very distant day.

The amount of salary the Rector is entitled to receive is \$600, of which there are no arrears.

Report of the Rev. R. S. Trapier, Missionary to Seamen in the Port of Philadelphia.

Congregation, families 55, adults 74, children 75, total 149; baptisms, adults 2, infants 33, total 35; confirmed 10; communicants, added 10, died or removed 13, present number about 60. The number of communicants is very fluctuating, many of them being sailors who are never long in one place. Marriages 4; burials 6; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 2, total 106; children catechized frequently; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 1, pupils 12, female 1, teachers 2, pupils 30, total, schools 2, teachers 3, pupils about 40; no property owned; amount of indebtedness of the church of the parish, none; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive, \$1000; arrears of salary, none.

Notwithstanding the disadvantage under which we at present labor,

in not being provided with a suitable house of worship, I am thankful to be able to report favorably of the mission; the congregation not only holds together but slowly and steadily increases, several seamen with their families having during the past year been added to the church. The attendance on the services is very encouraging. If we could be provided with a proper edifice, in a convenient and conspicuous situation, I have no doubt that an increase of worshippers would at once reward the efforts of those interested in the work.

The interest felt in the mission has never been greater on the part of those for whom it is designed, and the demand for books proves that the minds of sailors are awakened to the importance of religious knowledge. I have distributed since 1st of May, 1853, Bibles 300, Prayer Books 475, other religious books 370, besides a great many tracts. Since the commencement of the mission, there have been distributed Bibles upwards of 2000, Prayer Books upwards of 3000, and other books 3000. There have been baptized, adults 35, children 180, total 215; confirmed 75 (of these 26 were seamen).

It rests with "the Church" to say whether this mission shall be adequately sustained or not—that it still struggles on successfully under many discouraging and impeding circumstances, is proof that "God favorably alloweth our charitable work," in the effort to preach His Gospel to the sailor. May He still further bless the work by stirring up the minds and opening the hearts of His people to perfect that which has been begun.

Report of the Rev. H. Tullidge, Rector of St. John's Church, Peques, Chester Co.

Congregation, families 55, adults 135, children 64, total 199; baptisms, infants 3; communicants, added 6, died or removed 6, present number 48; marriages 2; burials 8; public services, on Sundays 61, other days 15, total 76; children catechized frequently; Sunday school 1, teachers 6, pupils 30; collections, Episcopal Fund \$4, Convention Fund \$6 50, Diocesan Missionary Society \$6 25, Missionary and other purposes \$44 52, total \$55 02; property other than the church building and lot owned by the parish, see last year's report; amount of indebtedness of the church of the parish, none; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive, \$500; arrears of salary, none.

Having accepted an invitation from the vestry of St. Paul's Church, Bloomsburg, Columbia county, I have resigned the charge of this parish to take effect on the 1st Sunday in June next. In coming to this conclusion, I have experienced a deep reluctance to part with a congregation, from whom, during a ministry of eight years amongst them, I have received continual evidences of unvarying kindness and attach-

ment. If I were to consult only my affection for them, I might truly say with the Apostle, "it were in my heart to live and die with them." But a strong persuasion that I can be more useful in the field which has been opened to me, has decided me to make the change. May the gracious Lord of the vineyard speedily send here a faithful and zealous laborer.

Report of the Rev. E. M. Van Deusen, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Alleghany County.

Congregation, families 53, adults 162, children 154, total 316; baptisms, adults 6, infants 32, total 38; confirmed 20; communicants, added 43, died or removed 6, present number 88; marriages 5; burials 9; public services, on Sundays 92, other days 120, total 212; children catechized 11 times; Sunday school 1, teachers 16, pupils 120; collection, Missionary and other purposes \$475; property other than the church building and lot owned by the parish, none; amount of indebtedness of the church of the parish, accounts not yet received from the treasurer of Trinity Church; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive, \$1500; salary paid in advance quarterly.

Report of the Rev. P. Van Pelt.

In consequence of more than usually imperfect health, my ministerial labors during the past twelve-months have been comparatively inconsiderable. On several occasions I have aided my clerical brethren in the city, both in the pulpit and desk; but the principal portion of my services have been rendered to destitute churches, the sick, the dying, the afflicted, and an Institution designed for the reformation of degraded females.

I have baptized one child, solemnized two marriages, officiated at two funerals, and attended to my duties as Secretary of the "Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America."

Report of the Rev. A. Varian, Rector of Christ Church, Meadville.

Within the past year there have been in this parish 4 baptisms; 11 persons confirmed; 2 marriages; communicants, deceased 3; removed 9; present number 103; added 15; burials 8; public services, on Sundays 91, on other days 58; children catechized in church the

first Sunday in every month ; Sunday school constant throughout the year, about 100 scholars with a competent number of teachers ; collections, for contingent expenses \$91 31, Convention Fund \$5 30, Advancement Society \$12, Domestic Missions (Advent) \$17 24, Christmas Fund \$15 37, for alms disbursed \$5 29, for the Parsonage Fund \$56 31.

The exterior of the church has been painted within the year at an expense of about \$180. The subscription list has been filled up for the liquidation of all claims against the parish, which when paid will extinguish all debts up to August, 1853. The Rector's salary \$500 per annum, is in arrears for part of the half year ending March 25th 1854.

The Ladies' Sewing Society continues to render efficient aid to the parish.

Report of the Rev. John A. Vaughan, D.D.

The undersigned has continued, during the year, in charge of the Protestant Episcopal Female Institute, as Rector. He has also continued his connection with the mission on Market street, near 21st street, resigning its pastoral duties to the Rev. E. DeWolf on the 1st of January last. The Sunday school of this mission has been chiefly supported by the pupils and teachers of the school above named.

He has, during the year, preached 23 times and officiated several times in the communion. He has married one couple, baptized 2 children, and officiated at 3 funerals.

Report of the Rev. George Herbert Walsh.

Immediately after the last meeting of the Convention I resigned the Rectorship of St. John's Church, Bellefonte, and became the Assistant Minister of the Church of the Epiphany, Philada.

In consequence of the indisposition and death of its esteemed Rector, the charge of the parish has devolved principally upon myself. A list of my ministerial acts is embodied in the report of the vestry of the church presented to the Convention.

Report of the Rev. Daniel Washburn, Rector of Trinity Church, Pottsville, Schuylkill County.

Congregation, families 113, adults about 200, children about 300, total about 500 ; baptisms, adults 4, infants 39, total 43 ; confirmed 18 ; communicants, added 28, died or removed 7, present number

102 ; marriages 14 ; burials 22 ; public services, on Sundays 135, other days 49, total 184 ; children catechized weekly by the lay catechumens, and frequently in a body by the Rector, who always opens their Sunday School exercises when not called away ; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 7, pupils 140, female 1, teachers 26, pupils 180, total, schools 2, teachers 33, pupils 320 ; Bible classes 2, members 25 ; collections, Episcopal Fund \$26 34, Convention Fund \$9 11, Christmas Fund \$29 59, Foreign Missions \$20, Domestic Missions \$34 50, Hospital, Port Richmond \$15 76, furnishing free pews, Sunday school and other purposes \$579 44 ; property other than the church building and lot owned by the parish, Mount Laurel Cemetery, a well situated lot of between 4 and 6 acres, on which, since its purchase, several hundred dollars have been expended ; amount of indebtedness of the church of the parish, for wall and improvement of churchyard, and for additional accommodations for the Sunday schools, some \$300, which amount is balanced by pew-rents yet unpaid ; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive, \$1000 ; arrears of salary, none.

The foregoing will enable you, Rt. Rev. Sir, to form a definite opinion of the affairs of the church in this parish. With much of its present aspect your visit during Easter week has made you familiar. I may add that a corps of our ladies, meeting weekly for the purpose at their various residences in rotation, has rendered, during the winter season, efficient aid to the suffering poor.

Of the spiritual condition of the congregation I need hardly speak after your recent personal observation, and will, therefore, only say, that while we have great occasion for gratitude in the evidences that the Lord is with us, we have still greater occasion to pray more and more, "O Lord, take not Thy Holy Spirit from us," and to "give Him no rest till He establish, and till He make Jerusalem a praise in the earth."

Patiently persevering in holding occasional services at St. Clair's, I am happy to inform you that a lot of ground is at length secured, on which we may hope under Divine blessing to erect a building for the "Church of the Holy Apostles," whose nominal existence on the records of the Diocese was barely preserved by the requisite formality of our Missionary application in 1853.

At the County Prison on the first Sunday of every month, I preach the Gospel "to them that are bound," and to the jailor's family, (Acts xii. 16.) asking not *cui bono* ? but desiring only that light may shine in the prison (xii. 7,) and that some, asking 'what must I do to be saved ?' may be taught (xvi. 30, 31, &c.) to "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ."

Report of the Rev. W. E. Webb, Rector of Grace Church, Hulmeville, St. Luke's, Newtown, and St. Andrew's Church, Yardleyville, Bucks County.

GRACE CHURCH, HULMEVILLE.

Families 18 ; baptisms, adults 2, infants 3, total 5 ; confirmed 5 ; communicants, added 2, died 1, removed 1, present number 34 ; marriage 1, burial 1, Sunday school 1, teachers 10, pupils 83 ; contribution to the Convention Fund \$2 ; property other than the church building and lot, a Sunday school room and cemetery ; amount of salary the Rector is entitled to receive, \$100 ; no arrears.

Since the last Convention, the church has been painted, provided with lamps, refurnished neatly, and substantially enclosed, and a lot of ground 30 feet by 180 added to the original property. For all which improvements it is mainly indebted to the ladies of the congregation. The prospects of this church are still encouraging, and we believe the day is not distant when this people shall realize, (even yet more fully than they now do) that their labor has not been in vain in the Lord.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, NEWTOWN.

Families 12 ; baptisms, adults 3, infants 2, total 5 ; confirmations 5 ; communicants, added 4, died 1, removed 1, present number 14 ; marriage 1 ; burials 2 ; collection for Convention Fund \$2 ; Sunday school 1 ; property other than the church building and lot, sexton's house, two school-rooms and cemetery.

Within the past year this church has been repaired at a cost of over \$500, for which it is under obligations, chiefly to friends at a distance. The congregation has recently experienced a severe loss in the death of its Senior Warden.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, YARDLEYVILLE.

Families 14 ; baptisms, adults 2 ; communicants, added 2, present number 14 ; burials 3 ; property other than the church building and lot, a Sunday school room and cemetery, the latter has recently been enlarged.

Since the last report, a long impending debt of \$150 has been removed by the kindness of a friend in the city. The Rector has continued to officiate here semi-monthly, as last reported. He feels however, that a service so seldom is insufficient to meet the wants of the church in so growing and thriving a village. Other charges, however, occupying a large portion of his time, prohibit a more frequent

attendance. In addition to the above labors, a semi-monthly service (in favorable weather) has been held at Pineville, where the erection of a small chapel is in contemplation so soon as a suitable lot can be procured. Occasions of service the past year in the various churches about 160.

Report of the Rev. H. Hastings Weld, Rector of St. James' Church, Downingtown, Chester county.

Congregation, families 46, adults 156, children 90, total 246; baptisms 6; confirmed 9; communicants, added 10, died or removed 7, present number 40; marriages 5; burials 7; public services, on Sundays 100, other days 3, total 103; children catechized 40, times 12; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 2, pupils 21; female 1, teachers 4, pupils 45; total schools 2, teachers 6, pupils 58; Bible class 1, members 12; collections, County Mission to Alms House and Prison \$20, Bibles, &c., for distribution \$7 50, Sunday school, for Library and Missions \$7, Foreign Missions \$5, Convention Fund \$5, Christmas Fund \$5, Diocesan Missions \$3, offertory and collections for Parochial and contingent expenses \$66 50, total \$119. In addition to the above \$91 have been raised for the repairs of Church and enclosure of grave yard, making a total of \$210.

The Parish owns a Rectory, and the debt on that and the Church is \$950. The Rector's salary is \$200, and there are no arrears.

Report of the Rev. William White, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Butler, Butler County.

Congregation, families 46, adults 100, children 104; communicants, died 1, total 40; marriages 2; burials 2; baptisms 8; public services, on Sundays 103, other days 15, total 118; Sunday school, teachers 6, scholars 40; collections, Prayer book \$4, Missions \$7 25, Christmas Fund \$5 50, Parish Library \$5, Advancement Society \$10, Convention Fund \$5 05, other purposes \$30, total \$66 80.

My salary from the Parish for the present year is \$300, which is nearly all paid, and to my other duties is added that of teaching in the Academy of the County.

Report of the Rev. John Williamson, Deacon.

The above was ordained to the Holy order of Deacons, in St. James' Church, Lancaster, January 22nd, 1854. He continued engaged as assistant teacher to the Rev. H. A. Coit, in one of the Schools connect-

ed with that Church until 24th March, during which time he has received no salary.

He has since that period been employed as assistant, by the Rev. R. Newton, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia. He has either by himself celebrated or assisted in celebrating Divine service some 31 times; assisted in the administration of the Holy Communion once; baptized 2 infants; assisted in baptizing 2 adults, and officiated at 2 funerals. He has also been engaged in visiting the Hospital and Alms House (at Lancaster), where he taught a Bible class of about 12 persons.

Besides the usual duties of Assistant Minister, he is now engaged in finding out and visiting those who belong to no communion, and inviting them to free seats in St. Paul's Church. From his experience in this work, he believes that if it was sustained by the cordial sympathy of the Church members, it would, in a great measure remove from the Protestant Episcopal Church, the imputation of its being "the Church of the rich," and be the means of bringing back many who have wandered away from us. Salary \$400.

Report of the Rev. F. S. Wiley, Rector of the Church of the Nativity, Spring Garden, Philadelphia.

Congregation, families 125; baptisms, adults 6, children 34, total 40; confirmed 22; communicants, added 52, died or removed 29, total 184; marriages 15; burials 13; public services, on Sundays 100, other days 30, total 130; children catechized monthly; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 10, pupils 70, female 1, teachers 15, pupils 17, infant 1, teacher 1, pupils 90, Young Men's Bible Association 1, members 25, Young Ladies' 1, members 20, male Bible Class 1, members 8, female Bible Class 32, total under instruction 415; collections, Episcopal Fund \$12 19, Convention Fund \$12 19, Missionary Association for the West \$20, Diocesan Missionary Society \$13 44, Foreign Missions \$31, Evangelical Knowledge Society \$50, the sufferers at New Orleans \$75, Sunday School Missionary Society \$130, Ladies' Charitable League, \$85, Offertory \$84, total \$510 82.

The enlargement to which reference was made in the last report, has been begun and completed within the year. The extension has furnished room for forty additional pews, and a large and commodious chancel. The effect has been to render the Church extremely pleasing in its architectural proportions, and vastly more comfortable to both hearer and speaker, while engaged in the services of divine worship.

It has been done by a vigorous and self-denying effort within the congregation, and a generous and prompt response of churchmen con-

nected with other Parishes. The balance of indebtedness unpaid, is held by a few generous members of the Vestry, and is wholly under their control.

The new windows, six in number and beautiful in design and execution, are the gift of a pious and warm-hearted Church woman in the city of Brooklyn, New York.

An organ is also in progress of erection, by Mr. W. Corrie of this city, which the whole Parish have united in procuring and which, when completed, will be free from debt.

Inconveniences incident to the enlargement, and to the entire suspension of week-day services, were cheerfully borne by an increasing congregation. On Christmas, or the day of the nativity of our Lord, we were first permitted to worship in the enlarged house of prayer, and lift praises and thanksgivings to our Heavenly Father, who had prospered our undertaking, and given us all that called for gratitude.

The salary is \$800 with the Rectory. The salary has been promptly paid.

Report of the Rev. J. P. Wilmer, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia.

Congregation, families 200, adults 550, children 250, total 800; baptism, adults 5, infants 44, total 49; confirmed (at 3 confirmations,) 61; marriages 4; burials 15; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 650, total 755; children catechized 200, times 12; Sunday schools 3, teachers 14, pupils 200; Bible classes 3, members 50; collections, for Episcopal Fund, Convention Fund, Soc. Adv. of Christianity, Missionary and other purposes, whole amount \$2392 88, private contributions \$4500, total \$6892 88; property other than Church building, School-house indebtedness, ground rent; salary of Clergyman \$2250. No arrears.

During the past year the school-house has been nearly completed by the addition of a main building, spacious, convenient and imposing in its style of architecture. The Schools are all in a prosperous condition, a Wednesday evening service and two lectures chiefly for the parents and children of the Parish Schools. This service, which has been maintained with little interruption since the formation of the Parish, affords peculiar facilities for the instruction of this most interesting class of our congregation.

Report of the Rev. T. W. Winchester, Rector of St. James' Church, Great Valley, Chester County.

Baptisms, adults 2, infants 4, total 6; confirmed 4, communicants 18; marriage 1; funerals 4; public services 53, and frequent cottage

lectures during the winter; Sunday schools, total number of scholars, male and female, about 40, number of teachers 4; collections, Bishop's Fund \$1 73, church building \$1 08, Diocesan Missions \$1 14, Foreign Missions \$2, Convention Fund \$2 20, Special Mission \$10 50; amount of salary the Rector is entitled to receive \$200 per year, regularly paid. The parsonage and glebe formerly belonging to this parish have been sold.

ST. PAUL'S, WEST WHITELAND.

Baptisms, infants 9; confirmed 1; communicants 27; funerals 3; public services 50; Sunday schools, total number of scholars, male and female, about 50, teachers 6; collections, Special Missions \$10 50, Bishop's Fund \$3 48, Convention Fund \$1 50, Diocesan Missions \$1, Domestic Missions \$1 75, Foreign Missions \$2 48; amount of salary the Rector is entitled to receive \$150.

The Rector thankfully acknowledges some timely and generous aid afforded him by some friends of the Church in Philadelphia.

Report of the Rev. Henry W. Woods, Rector of St. Paul's Parish, Columbia, Lancaster County.

Families 25; baptisms, adult 1, infants 2, total 3; confirmations 2; communicants, on register before 37, withdrawn 1, added 7, present number 43; collections, communion offerings \$13 93, for church buildings in diocese \$6 63, Diocesan Missionary Society \$12, for Sunday-school library \$18, Convention Fund \$2, Episcopal Fund \$3; other purposes connected with the Church \$80, total \$130 56.

The present incumbent took charge of the parish near the end of November last. He found it in a feeble condition, the people nearly disheartened, and the number attending the church very small.

At first the congregation did not number more than thirty; a gradual improvement has taken place however, until we have now sometimes one hundred. Upon the whole there has been considerable improvement, but the field is an arduous one, and demands laborious application united to faith and patience.

The Rector preaches on one Sunday twice in Columbia, and on the following Sunday once in Columbia and once in Marietta. In addition to these services, he has established a weekly lecture on Wednesday evening.

MARIETTA.

The services of our Church are held in Marietta each alternate
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Sunday in the afternoon. The congregation was very slender at first, but it has increased until it now numbers over one hundred. Some members of the Church are encouraged to hope that a church edifice will soon be erected here.

Report of the Rev. Edward P. Wright, late Rector of Christ Church, Williamsport, Lycoming County.

The Parish was without regular ministrations from the date of the last Convention, until October 3d, 1853, upon which day the undersigned was called to take charge of it. The following report embraces the period between the above named date and April 11th, 1854, when the parish was again rendered vacant by my resignation.

Congregation, families and parts of families 28, adults 76, children 65, total 141; baptisms, adults 5, infants 2, total 7; confirmed 4; communicants, added 6, present number 35; marriages 2; burials 3; public services, on Sundays 54, other days 13, total 67; children catechized monthly, times 6; Sunday school 1, teachers 13, pupils 65. Bible class 1, members 11.

The collections in the Parish have been devoted to the support of the Sunday school and to defraying incidental expenses connected with the Church.

Besides a church edifice and lot for a parsonage reported before as belonging to this parish, about \$1500 have been subscribed during the past winter towards the erection of a parsonage house. The vestry is using commendable exertions to hasten the completion of this important improvement.

Report of the Rev. Thomas C. Yarnall, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Hamilton, City of Philadelphia.

Congregation, families 56, adults 140 children 185, total 275; baptisms, adults 8, infants 17, total 25; confirmed 8, communicants, added 9, removed 4, present number 110; marriages 3; burials 9; public services, on Sundays 106, other days 69, total 175; Sunday school teachers 14, pupils 130; collections, Convention Fund \$15 57, Christmas Fund \$29 19, Domestic Missions, Wisconsin, \$50 43, Foreign Missions, Africa, \$28; Church Hospital 41 46, Provident Society, West Philadelphia, \$37 16; Church property the same as before reported; there is no debt upon the Church; amount of salary which the clergyman is entitled to receive \$800, which is punctually paid.

Ten years have now elapsed since the present Rector entered upon his duties here; during this time the church building has been enlarged, and a substantial parsonage and school-house erected. The number of

communicants which he found here has been more than doubled. 34 adults and 118 children have been baptized; 96 persons have been confirmed, and the same number admitted to communion. Until within a quite recent period, the church was very unfavorably situated for the population. Now, however, the improvement of the surrounding property has in some degree remedied this; and we hope, ere long, to be able to build on our present site a church, sufficiently large to meet the want which is beginning to be seriously felt, of increased accommodations.

Report of the Rev. James Gilborne Lyons, L.L. D., West Haverford, Delaware County.

[Received too late for its place.]

During the present year Dr. Lyons has each Sunday read the morning service, with a sermon, in his own school-room. He has also preached and officiated several times elsewhere, and taken a part in administering the Holy Communion. He regularly devotes a portion of each Sunday to the Scriptural and Catechetical instruction of his pupils.

The Church in his neighborhood is open only in the afternoon.

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COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT THE NEXT CONVENTION.

ON THE CHANGE OF NAMES OF CHURCHES, (*vide Journal*, p. 53,)

Rev. Dr. Howe,
Francis Wharton,
M. Russell Thayer.

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" " Ducachet,
" Mr. Wilmer,
William Welsh,
J. C. Cresson.

ON AMENDING 2ND CLAUSE OF CONSTITUTION, (*vide Journal*, p. 57,)

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" Mr. Brown,
" Mr. Washburn,
James S. Smith,
Thomas Robins,
Charles R. King, M. D.

ON AN ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR CONVENTION,

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George M. Wharton,
Charles E. Lex.

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Rev. Dr. Hare,
" " Ducachet,
James S. Smith.

LIST OF THE CONGREGATIONS

OF THE

DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

<i>Adams County.</i>		
Christ church, Huntingdon township,	Admitted	1785
<i>Alleghany County.</i>		
Trinity church, Pittsburgh,	do.	1818
St. Paul's church, Pittsburgh,	do.	1832
Christ church, Alleghany city,	do.	1836
St. Andrew's church, Pittsburgh,	do.	1838
St. James' church, Pittsburgh,	do.	1852
Grace church, Mt. Washington,	do.	1852
St. Luke's church, Chartier's Creek,	do.	1852
Church of the Epiphany, Pittsburgh,	do.	1853
St. Philip's church, Manchester,	do.	1853
St. Mark's church, Birmingham,	do.	1853
<i>Armstrong County.</i>		
St. Paul's church, Kittanning,	do.	1829
Trinity church, Freeport,	do.	1840
<i>Beaver County.</i>		
Georgetown church, Georgetown,	do.	1814
St. Paul's church, Ohio Township,	do.	1845
Christ church, New Brighton,	do.	1852
<i>Berks County.</i>		
St. Gabriel's church, Morlatten,	do.	1785
Christ church, Reading,	do.	1824
St. Thomas' church Morgantown,	do.	1825

St. Michaels' church, Birdsboro',	Admitted	1854
St. John's church, Reading,	do.	1854

Bradford County.

St. Matthew's church, Pike,	do.	1814
Christ church, Towanda,	do.	1844
St. Paul's church, Troy,	do.	1845

Bucks County.

St. James the Greater church, Bristol,	do.	1785
St. Andrew's church, Yardleyville,	do.	1835
St. Luke's church, Newtown,	do.	1835
Grace church, Hulmeville,	do.	1837
Trinity church, Centreville,	do.	1840
St. Paul's church, Doylestown,	do.	1847

Butler County.

St. Peter's church, Butler,	do.	1827
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Carbon County.

St. Mark's church, Mauch Chunk,	do.	1836
St. Philip's church, Summit Hill,	do.	1850

Centre County.

Trinity church, Philipsburg,	do.	1827
St. John's church, Bellefonte,	do.	1839

Chester County.

St. Peter's church, Great Valley,	do.	1785
St. John's church, New London township,	do.	1793
St. Mary's church, Warwick township,	do.	1808
St. John's church, Pequea,	do.	1810
St. Paul's church, West Whiteland township,	do.	1828
St. Andrew's church, West Vincent,	do.	1834
St. Mark's church, Honeybrook,	do.	1837
Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester,	do.	1838
St. Peter's church, Phoenixville,	do.	1840
St. James' church, Downingtown,	do.	1844
St. James' church, West Marlboro',	do.	1849

LIST OF THE CONGREGATIONS

OF THE

DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Adams County.

Christ church, Huntingdon township,	Admitted	1785
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Alleghany County.

Trinity church, Pittsburgh,	do.	1818
St. Paul's church, Pittsburgh,	do.	1832
Christ church, Alleghany city,	do.	1836
St. Andrew's church, Pittsburgh,	do.	1838
St. James' church, Pittsburgh,	do.	1852
Grace church, Mt. Washington,	do.	1852
St. Luke's church, Chartier's Creek,	do.	1852
Church of the Epiphany, Pittsburgh,	do.	1853
St. Philip's church, Manchester,	do.	1853
St. Mark's church, Birmingham,	do.	1853

Armstrong County.

St. Paul's church, Kittanning,	do.	1829
Trinity church, Freeport,	do.	1840

Beaver County.

Georgetown church, Georgetown,	do.	1814
St. Paul's church, Ohio Township,	do.	1845
Christ church, New Brighton,	do.	1852

Berks County.

St. Gabriel's church, Morlatten,	do.	1785
Christ church, Reading,	do.	1824
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St. Michaels' church, Birdsboro',	Admitted	1854
St. John's church, Reading,	do.	1854

Bradford County.

St. Matthew's church, Pike,	do.	1814
Christ church, Towanda,	do.	1844
St. Paul's church, Troy,	do.	1845

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St. Luke's church, Newtown,	do.	1835
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St. Paul's church, Doylestown,	do.	1847

Butler County.

St. Peter's church, Butler,	do.	1827
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St. Mark's church, Mauch Chunk,	do.	1836
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Trinity church, Philipsburg,	do.	1827
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St. Peter's church, Great Valley,	do.	1785
St. John's church, New London township,	do.	1793
St. Mary's church, Warwick township,	do.	1808
St. John's church, Pequea,	do.	1810
St. Paul's church, West Whiteland township,	do.	1828
St. Andrew's church, West Vincent,	do.	1834
St. Mark's church, Honeybrook,	do.	1837
Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester,	do.	1838
St. Peter's church, Phoenixville,	do.	1840
St. James' church, Downingtown,	do.	1844
St. James' church, West Marlboro',	do.	1849

Clearfield County.

St. Andrew's church, Clearfield,	Admitted	1850
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Columbia County.

St. Paul's church, Bloomsburg,	do.	1793
St. James' church, Derry,	do.	1849

Crawford County.

Christ church, Meadville,	do.	1825
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Cumberland County.

St. John's church, Carlisle,	do.	1821
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Dauphin County.

St. Stephen's church, Harrisburg,	do	1826
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Delaware County.

St. Paul's church, Chester,	do.	1786
St. Martin's church, Lower Chichester township, Marcus Hook,	do.	1786
St. David's church, Newtown township, Radnor,	do.	1786
St. John's church, Concord township,	do.	1786
Calvary church, Rockdale,	do.	1835
Church of the Incarnation, Darby,	do.	1854

Erie County.

St. Paul's church, Erie,	do.	1827
St. Peter's church, Waterford,	do.	"

Fayette County.

Christ church, Brownsville,	do.	1825
Grace church, Menallen,	do.	1827
Trinity church, Connelville,	do.	"
St. Peter's church, Uniontown,	do.	1843
St. Paul's church, Dunbar township,	do.	1854

Huntingdon County.

St. John's church, Huntingdon,	do.	1820
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Indiana County.

St. Peter's church, Blairsville,	do.	1829
Christ church, Indiana,	do.	1853

Lancaster County.

St. James' church, Lancaster,	Admitted	1785
Bangor church, Cærnarvon township, Churchtown, do.		1810
Christ church, Leacock, do.		1819
All Saints' church, Paradise, do.		1842
St. Paul's church, Columbia, do.		1849
St. John's church, Marietta, do.		1849
Hope church, Mount Hope, do.		1849
St. John's church, Lancaster, do.		1854

Luzerne County.

St. Stephen's church, Wilkesbarre, do.	1821
Trinity church, Carbondale, do.	1845
St. James' church, Pittston, do.	1852
St. Luke's church, Scranton, do.	1853

Lycoming County.

St. James' church, Muncy, do.	1820
Christ church, Williamsport, do.	1847

Mifflin County.

St. Mark's church, Lewistown, do.	1852
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Montgomery County.

St. James' church, Perkiomen township, do.	1785
St. Thomas' church, Whitemarsh township, do.	1786
St. John's church, Norristown, do.	1815
Christ church, Pottstown, do.	1829
The Church of the Redeemer, Lower Merion, do.	1852

Montour County.

Christ church, Danville, do.	1834
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Northampton County.

Trinity church, Easton, do.	1819
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Northumberland County.

St. Matthew's church, Sunbury, do.	1827
St. Mark's church, Northumberland, do.	1848
Christ church, Milton, do.	1849

Philadelphia City.

Christ church, Philadelphia, do.	1785
St. Peter's church, Philadelphia, do.	1785

St. Paul's church, Philadelphia,	Admitted	1785
St. James church, Philadelphia,	do.	1810
St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia,	do.	1823
St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia,	do.	1823
Grace church, Philadelphia,	do.	1827
Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia,	do.	1834
Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia,	do.	1837
St. Luke's church, Philadelphia,	do.	1839
Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia,	do.	1847
St. Mark's church, Philadelphia,	do.	1848
Church of the Mediator, Philadelphia,	do.	1848
St. John's church, Northern Liberties,	do.	1816
Advent church, Northern Liberties,	do.	1842
St. Matthew's church, Francisville,	do.	1825
St. Philip's church, Spring Garden,	do.	1841
Church of the Nativity, Spring Garden,	do.	1845
Church of the Redemption, Spring Garden,	do.	1846
St. Jude's church, Spring Garden,	do.	1848
Emmanuel church, Kensington,	do.	1837
St. Bartholomew's church, Kensington,	do.	1849
Church of the Messiah, Port Richmond,	do.	1847
Zion church, South Penn township,	do.	1849
Trinity church, Southwark,	do.	1821
Church of the Evangelists, Southwark,	do.	1842
Gloria Dei church, Southwark,	do.	1845
All Saints' church, Moyamensing,	do.	1838
Church of the Crucifixion, Moyamensing,	do.	1847
St. Luke's church, Germantown,	do.	1818
Christ church, Germantown,	do.	1853
St. David's church, Manayunk,	do.	1833
St. James the Less church, North Penn township,	do.	1846
Church of the Resurrection, Rising Sun,	do.	1851
Trinity church, Oxford township,	do.	1785
All Saints' church, Lower Dublin township,	do.	1786
Emanuel church, Holmesburg,	do.	1844
St. Mark's church, Frankford,	do.	1846

St. Mary's church, West Philadelphia,	Admitted	1827
St. James' church, Kingesssing,	do.	1844
St. Andrew's church, West Philadelphia,	do.	1852
Church of the Saviour, West Philadelphia,	do.	1852
Trinity church, Maylandville,	do.	1853
Church of our Saviour, Moyamensing,	do.	1854
<i>Schuylkill County.</i>		
Trinity church, Pottsville,	do.	1836
St. James' church, Schuylkill Haven,	do.	1839
St. Paul's church, Minersville,	do.	1841
Zion church, Tuscarora,	do.	1848
Church of the Holy Apostles, St. Clair,	do.	1848
Calvary Church, Tamaqua,	do.	1849
<i>Susquehanna County.</i>		
St. Mark's church, New Milford,	do.	1822
St. Paul's church, Montrose,	do.	1832
St. Andrew's church, Springville,	do.	1838
<i>Tioga County.</i>		
St. Paul's church, Wellsborough,	do.	1841
<i>Washington County.</i>		
Trinity church, Washington,	do.	1844
<i>Wayne County.</i>		
Grace church, Honesdale,	do.	1834
St. John's church, Salem,	do.	1845
Zion church, Sterling township,	do.	1851
<i>Westmoreland County.</i>		
Christ church, Greensburg,	do.	1823
St. John's church, Latrobe,	do.	1853
<i>York County.</i>		
St. John's church, York,	do.	1785

LIST OF THE CLERGY
OF THE
DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The Rt. Rev. ALONZO POTTER, D.D. L.L.D., Bishop, Philadelphia.

Allen, Thomas G., Missionary in the City and County of Philadelphia.

Arey, Charles, rector of St. Paul's, Erie.

Baker, E. Massey, deacon, assistant minister at St. Mark's, Philadelphia.

Bean, Henry H., rector of St. Stephen's, Harrisburg.

Beasley, Frederick W., rector of All Saints' church, Lower Dublin, and Christ chapel, Oak Grove. P. O. Bridgewater, Bucks County.

Beatty, Archibald, minister of Trinity church, Carbondale.

Berger, Alexander J., rector of St. Andrew's, Clearfield, St. Stephen's, Morrisdale, and missionary at Philipsburg.

Bonnar, James, B. D., assistant in the Protestant Episcopal Academy.

Bourne, Rowland H., rector of St. Philip's, Manchester, Alleghany County.

Bowman, Samuel, D.D., rector of St. James', Lancaster.

Brown, Henry, rector of St. David's, Radnor, Delaware County, and of the Church of the Redeemer, Lower Merion.

Buchanan, Edward Y., rector of Christ church, Leacock, and All Saints', Paradise, Lancaster County. P. O. Paradise.

Bull, Levi, D.D. P. O. Marsh, Chester County.

Byllesby, De Witt Clinton, rector of St. Paul's, Montrose, Susquehanna County.

Childs, John A., assistant minister of St. Luke's, Philadelphia.
 Christman, Aaron, deacon, assistant to the rector of Christ church, Pottstown.

Clark, Samuel A., rector of the Church of the Advent, Philadelphia.

Clark, William H., Principal of a Female Seminary, Pittsburgh.

Clay, Jehu C., D.D., rector of the Swedes' church, (Gloria Dei,) Philadelphia.

Clements, Samuel, rector of Trinity church, Washington.

Coit, Henry A., deacon, assisting the rector of St. James', Lancaster.

Coleman, John, D.D., rector of Trinity church, Philadelphia.

Cooley, William C., rector of the Church of our Saviour, Philadelphia.

Cooper, Charles D., rector of St. Philip's church, Philadelphia.

Cooper, William H., missionary to South America.

Cornwall, Nathaniel E., rector of St. Andrew's, Pittsburgh.

Cowell, Samuel, Beverly, New Jersey.

Crumpton, Thomas, rector of Christ church, Alleghany.

Davis, Robert, Philadelphia.

Davis, Thomas J., rector of the Church of the Resurrection, Rising Sun Village, Philadelphia County.

De Wolfe, Erastus, missionary, Philadelphia.

Diehl, William N., Germantown.

Dix, Morgan, Philadelphia.

Dorr, Benjamin, D.D., rector of Christ church, Philadelphia.

Douglass, Benjamin J., rector of Christ church, Towanda.

Douglass, Jacob M., rector of Zion church, Philadelphia.

Douglass, William, rector of St. Thomas' (African) church, Philadelphia.

Drake, George C., rector of St. James', Muncy.

Duane, Richard B., rector of Grace church, Honesdale.

Ducachet, Henry W., D.D., rector of St. Stephen's, Philadelphia.

Dupuy, Charles M., Philadelphia.

Durborow, George A., rector of the Church of the Redemption, Philadelphia.

Durborow, Samuel, rector of St. Peter's church, Phoenixville Chester County.

Dyer, Heman, D.D.,

Elsegood, Joseph I., rector of Trinity church, Easton, Northampton County.

Evans, Rees C., rector of St. Paul's, Doylestown, and Trinity church, Centreville, Bucks County.

Field, G. C., rector of Emmanuel church, Holmesburg.

Foote, G. C., rector of St. Thomas', Whitemarsh, Montgomery County.

Franklin, Benjamin, rector of St. John's, Philadelphia.

Furey, John G., minister of Grace church, Springville.

Goddard, Kingston, rector of the Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia.

Goodwin, James B., rector of St. Paul's church, Beaver County, and St. Luke's, Georgetown.

Gray, Horatio.

Hall, Richard D., Philadelphia.

Hard, Anson B. P. O. Chester.

Harris, N. Sayre, rector of St. Paul's, Chester.

Hare, G. Emlen, D.D., rector of St. Matthew's church, and Principal of the Protestant Episcopal Academy, Philadelphia.

Hazlehurst, Samuel, Chaplain to the Episcopal Hospital, Philadelphia.

Helmuth, John K., assistant to the rector of St. James the Less, Falls of Schuylkill.

Hildebrandt, W. S.

Hilton, William J., rector of St. Paul's, Kittanning, and Trinity church, Freeport.

Hinds, William J., Philadelphia.

Hirst, Marmaduke, rector of St. Paul's, Minersville, Schuylkill County.

Hoffman, C. C., missionary to Africa.

Hooker, Herman, D.D., Philadelphia.

Hopkins, George P.,

Howe, M. A. De Wolfe, rector of St. Luke's church, Philadelphia.

Huckel, William S., minister of the Church of the Evangelists, Philadelphia.

Huntington, Benjamin S., Principal of Aston Ridge Seminary. P. O. Village Green, Delaware County.

Jaquett, Joseph, Teacher of Hebrew, Syriac, &c., Philadelphia.

Jones, Edward C., missionary at Blockley Almshouse, Philadelphia.

Jones, N. M., rector of St. Bartholomew's church, Philadelphia.

Kendig, Daniel, deacon, assistant to the rector of St. Andrew's, and missionary, Philadelphia.

Killikelly, Brian B., D.D., rector of St. Michael's church, Wayne, Armstrong County. P. O. Kittanning.

Kirke, George, minister at New London Cross Roads, and West Marlboro', Chester County. P. O. Downingtown.

Leaf, Edmund, rector of Christ church, Pottstown, St. Gabriel's church, Douglassville, Montgomery county, and St. Mark's church, Birdsboro', Berks county.

Lightner, Edwin N., rector of Christ (Swedes') church, Upper Merion, Montgomery County. P. O., Norristown.

Lightner, Milton C., rector of Christ church, Reading.

Long, John, rector of St. Luke's, Scranton, and St. James', Pittston, Luzerne County.

Lord, Samuel T., residing at Meadville, and Missionary in Crawford County.

Lounsberry, Edward, rector of St. Jude's, Philadelphia.

Lycett, Edward L., (Deacon) Minister of Bangor church, Churchtown, Lancaster County, and St. Thomas', Morgantown, Berks County.

Lyman, T. B., rector of Trinity church, Pittsburgh.

Lyons, James G., LL.D., classical teacher. P. O. West Haverford.

Mahan, Milo, B. D., professor of Ecclesiastical History in the General Theological Seminary, New York.

Marsden, Jno. H., York Springs, Adams County.

Marple, A. Augustus, rector of St. Paul's church, Wellsboro', Tioga County.

Maxwell, John Gordon, rector of Emmanuel church, Kensington.

Mendenhall, Edward, rector of St. John's church, Salem. Wayne County, and Missionary in parts adjacent.

Mercer, Alexander G., professor of moral and intellectual philosophy in the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

McElhinney, John J., rector of St. Paul's church, Pittsburgh.

McLeod, Alexander, rector of St. John's, Huntingdon, and Missionary in Blair County.

Meyer, Edward, Missionary to Germans in Philadelphia, and assistant to the rector of the Church of the Atonement.

Miles, G. D., rector of St. Stephen's church, Wilkesbarre, Luzerne County.

Miller, Daniel S., rector of St. Mark's church, Frankford, Philadelphia County.

Mintzer, George, rector of St. James' church, Perkiomen, Montgomery County. P. O. Perkiomen Bridge.

Montgomery, H. E., rector of All Saints' church, Moyamensing.

Montgomery, W. W., minister of St. Matthew's church, Sunbury, and St. Mark's church, Northumberland.

Morris, B. Wistar, rector of St. David's church, Manayunk.

Morss, Jacob B., rector of St. John's church, Carlisle.

Morton, H. J., D.D., rector of St. James' church, Philadelphia.

Murphy, John K., rector of Calvary church, Rockdale, and St. John's church, Concord, Delaware County.

Nash, Sylvester, Missionary in Western Pennsylvania.

Natt, G. W., rector of St. Andrew's church, Mantua Village, Philadelphia.

Newton, R., D.D., rector of St. Paul's church, Philadelphia.

Norris, W. H., residing in Philadelphia.

Odenheimer, W. H., rector of St. Peter's church, Philadelphia.

Ogilby, Frederick, rector of Church of Ascension, Philadelphia.

Paddock, W. H., District Missionary in Western Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh.

Page, R. O., rector of Christ church, Danville.

Perkins, W. S.

- Pinckney, Thomas A., Missionary on the Western coast of Africa.
- Platt, G. Lewis, rector of the church of Mediator, Philadelphia.
- Prior, Azariah, rector of St. James' church, Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill County.
- Quick, Charles W., rector of the church of the Epiphany, Pittsburgh.
- Rambo, J., Missionary to Africa.
- Randall, Samuel, Ministering in St. James' church, Pittsburgh.
- Robins, James W., deacon, assistant St. Mark's, Philadelphia.
- Rodney, John, rector of St. Luke's church, Germantown.
- Rogers, Joshua, Easton.
- Rudderow, Joel, rector of the church of Messiah, Richmond, Philadelphia.
- Russel, Peter, rector of St. Mark's church, Mauch Chunk, and St. Philip's church, Summit Hill.
- Skinner, Gardiner M., rector of St. Mark's church, New Milford, Susquehanna County.
- Smith, J. Brinton, rector of St. James', Kingsessing, Philada.
- Smith, Joseph H., Missionary in N. L., and Minister of Calvary church, Philadelphia.
- Smith, Richard, Missionary at Pittsburgh.
- Spackman, H. S., assistant minister of St. Matthew's church, Francisville, Philadelphia.
- Stem, Nathan, rector of St. John's church, Norristown.
- Stevens, Wm. Bacon, D.D., rector of St. Andrew's, Philada.
- Stone, Joseph A., rector of Calvary church, Tamaqua, and Zion church, Tuscarora.
- Suddards, Wm., rector of Grace church, Philadelphia.
- Talbot, Mortimer R., chaplain in the U. S. Navy. P. O. Philadelphia.
- Taylor, Joseph P., rector of Christ church, New Brighton, Beaver County.
- Ten Bröck, Anthony, rector of the church of St. James the Less, Falls of Schuylkill.
- Temple, Richard, minister of Christ church, Brownsville.
- Thomson, C. West, rector of St. John's church, York.
- Tullidge, Henry, rector of St. John's, Pequea, Lancaster County.

Trapier, Richard S., missionary to Seamen in the port of Philadelphia.

Tyng, Dudley A., rector of the church of the Epiphany.

Van Deusen, E. M., rector of St. Peter's church, Pittsburgh.

Van Pelt, Peter, Secretary to the General Board of Missions, Philadelphia.

Varian, Alexander, rector of Christ church, Meadville.

Vaughan, John A., D.D., rector of the Episcopal Female Institute, Philadelphia.

Ver Mehr, J. L., L.L.D., assistant rector of Grace church, San Francisco, and Principal of a School in Sonora, California.

Walsh, G. H.

Washburn, Daniel, rector of Trinity church, Pottsville.

Webb, W. E., rector of St. Luke's church, Newtown, Grace church, Hulmeville, and St. Andrew's church, Yardleyville. P. O., Newtown, Bucks County.

Weld, H. Hastings.

White, William, rector of St. Peter's church, Butler, Butler County.

Wilcoxson, Hanson T., rector of Trinity church, Connelville, and St. Paul's, Mount Braddock, Fayette County.

Wiley, F. S., rector of the church of the Nativity, Philada.

Williams, C. P., D.D., Classical Teacher, Philadelphia.

Williamson, John, assistant to the rector of St. Paul's church, Philadelphia.

Wilmer, J. P. B., rector of St. Mark's church, Philadelphia.

Wilson, Bird, D.D., L.L.D., Emeritus Professor in the General Theological Seminary, New York.

Winchester, T. W., rector of St. Paul's and St. Peter's churches, Great Valley, Chester County.

Woods, Henry W., rector of St. Paul's church, Columbia.

Woodward, James A., missionary in Oregon.

Wright, E. P.

Wyatt, Christopher B., rector of Trinity church, San Francisco.

Yarnall, T. C., rector of St. Mary's church, Philadelphia.

Dr.

Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in

		Dolls.	C.
1853.			
May, 18,	To cash paid Rt. Rev. Bishop Potter to April 19, 1853,		276 86
" 19,	" Rev. T. B. Flower, -	\$2 75	
	" " T. B. Lyman, -	2 50	
	" " Jas. P. Taylor, -	11 00	
	" " W. H. Paddock, -	11 00	
	" " A. Beatty, -	4 50	
	" " B. B. Killikelly, -	13 50	
	" " W. White, -	13 50	
	" " D. C. Bylesby, -	5 50	
	" " A. Prior, -	4 00	
	" " Jno. Long, -	7 00	
	" " William Hilton, -	16 00	
	" " T. Crumpton, -	11 00	
	" " J. N. Rogers, -	7 00	
	" " Geo. C. Drake, -	8 00	
	" " Jno. G. Furey, -	15 00	
	" " Geo. D. Miles, -	7 00	
	" " H. H. Bean, -	5 50	
	" " J. H. Black, -	9 00	
	" " Richard Smith, -	18 00	
	" " A. Varian, -	19 00	
	" " Peter Russell, -	6 00	
	" " G. M. Skinner, -	9 50	
	" " Benj. J. Douglass, -	11 00	
	" " R. B. Duane, -	9 00	
	" " G. H. Walsh, -	7 00	
	" " T. S. Rumney, -	13 50	
	" " H. Tullidge, -	2 00	
	" " A. A. Marple, -	9 00	
	" " J. Rudderow, -	6 50	
	" " R. O. Page, -	7 00	
	" " E. Y. Buchanan, -	2 00	
	" " Geo. Kirke, -	1 50	
	" " D. Washburn, -	3 50	
	" " Edward Meyer, -	4 00	
	" " Jos. I. Elsegood, -	5 50	
	" " E. Mendenhall, -	10 00	
	" " S. Clements, -	17 00	
	" " A. McLeod, -	6 00	
			319 15
" 20,	To cash paid Jas. Montgomery, Sexton, expenses of the Convention, -		27 0
" 20,	To cash paid same for services rendered Standing Committee, -		8 0
" 20,	To cash paid King & Baird, for Bill, -		30 0
Sept. 21,	To cash paid Jos. S. Siddall, for transcribing Minutes of the Convention of 1850, '51, and '52, -		35 0
" 21,	To cash paid Staveland & McCalla, on account, -		17 0
Aug. 26,	To cash paid Rev. H. Hooker, for binding Journals of Convention, -		3 0
	Amount carried forward,		\$689 11

Pennsylvania, in account with Thomas Robins, Treasurer, Or.

		Dolls.	C.
1853.			
May. 10.	By balance per account rendered,	222	35
" 11,	By cash contribution from All Saints' Church, Phila- delphia,		5 00
" 11,	Do. from St. Stephen's Church, Philada.,		50 00
" 13,	" Christ Church, Danville,		9 00
" 16,	" St. Luke's Church, Germantown,		10 00
" 16,	" St. James' Church, Philada.,		50 00
" 17,	" St. Mark's Church, "		55 94
" 17,	" Ch. of the Atonement, "		25 00
	" Trinity Church, Easton,	7	13
	" St. John's Church, Norristown,	5	00
	" St. Mark's Church, Mauch Chunk,	2	00
	" St. Philip's Church, Summit Hill,	2	00
	" Christ Church, Alleghany,	8	50
	" St. Paul's Church, Lacyville	3	00
	" St. James' Church, Kingessing,	7	00
	" Trinity Church, Oxford,	8	13
	" St. Thomas' Church, Morgantown,	1	60
	" St. Thomas' Church, Newtown,	2	00
	" St. John's Church, New London,	3	06
	" Advent Church, Northern Liberties,	15	00
	" St. John's Church, Pequea,	5	00
	" St. John's Church, Philada.,	13	00
	" St. James' Church, Lancaster,	24	05
	" Trinity Church, Pittsburgh,	20	00
	" St. Andrew's Church, West Philada.,	6	00
	" St. Mark's Church, New Milford,	3	14
	" Trinity Church, Pottsville,	9	11
	" St. Mark's Church, Lewistown,	3	00
	" Unknown,	5	00
	" St. Peter's Church, Waterford,	3	00
	" St. John's Church, Carlisle,	8	00
	" St. John's Church, Salem,	2	47
	" Christ Church, Williamsport,	9	00
	" St. Peter's Church, Butler,	5	00
	" St. John's Church, Huntingdon,	5	00
	" St. Mary's Church, West Phila., 2 years,	29	86
	" St. Paul's Church, West Whiteland,	1	00
	" St. Peter's Church, Great Valley,	1	00
	" St. Stephen's Church, Harrisburg,	10	00
	" St. Paul's Church, Bloomsburg,	4	16
	" Christ Church, Meadville,	5	72
	" St. David's Church, Radnor,	3	00
	" St. James' Church, Muncy,	5	53
	" Grace Church, Honesdale,	10	00
	" St. Paul's Church, Wellaboro',	4	00
	" Christ Church, Reading,	19	00
	" Trinity Church, Freeport,	4	81
	" St. Paul's Church, Kittanning,	4	00
	" St. James' Church, Bristol,	2	50
	Amount carried forward,	\$289 79	\$427 99

*Dr.**Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church is*

		<i>Dolls.</i>	<i>c.</i>
1853.	Amount brought forward,	889	11
Sept. 15,	To cash paid King & Baird, per bill, -	2	50
Dec. 7,	To cash paid O. Evans, for iron safe, -	125	00
" 22,	To cash paid Stavelly & McCalla, in full, -	246	65
" 22,	To cash paid Jno. Gibson, painting bookcase, -	22	50
" 22,	To cash paid A. Catanach, making do. -	90	24
1854.			
Jan. 4,	To cash paid E. C. & J. Biddle, for minute-book,	6	75
Feb. 1,	To cash paid H. Cope, Treasurer Gen. Convention,	153	00
" 22,	To cash paid transcribing Journal of Convention, 1853,	15	00
March 9,	To cash paid for chairs for room for Standing Com.,	25	30
" 21,	To cash paid Stavelly & McCalla, for printing,	7	00
April 26,	To cash paid Archer & Co. for chandalier,	7	50
May 5,	To cash paid J. & B. Orne, for carpet, -	20	00
" 6,	To cash paid John McIntyre, per bills, -	30	52
Amount carried forward,		\$1640	77

Pennsylvania, in account with Thomas Robins, Treasurer, Cr.

			Dolla.	C.
1853.	Amounts brought forward,	\$289 79	427	29
May 17,	By cash from contributions:			
	From St. Stephen's Church, Wilkesbarre,	8 00		
	" Gloria Dei Church, Philadelphia, -	10 00		
	" St. Luke's Church, Newtown, -	1 25		
	" Emmanuel Church, Kensington, -	10 00		
	" Grace church, Hulmeville, -	1 00		
	" Trinity Church, Washington, -	2 00		
	" St. James' Church, Schuylkill Haven, -	3 35		
	" Mission Church, Heckscherville, -	3 80		
	" Church of the Nativity, Philadelphia, -	10 00		
	" St. Michael's Church, Wayne T. S., -	2 62		
	" St. Paul's Church, Columbia, -	3 15		
	" St. James' Church, Perkiomen, -	3 92		
	" St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook, -	5 00		
	" Zion Church, Tuscarora, -	5 00		
	" Calvary Church, Tamaqua, -	5 56		
	" St. John's Church, Concord, -	5 00		
	" St. Luke's Church, Scranton, -	5 00		
	" Christ Church, Brighton, -	2 61		
	" Christ Church, Leacock, -	5 00		
	" All Saints' Church, Paradise, -	5 00		
	" St. Andrew's Church, Pittsburgh, -	16 70		
	" St. Mark's Church, Frankford, -	5 00		
	" St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia, -	25 00		
	" Zion Church, Philadelphia, -	2 00		
	" Bangor Church, Churchtown, -	4 00		
	" St. Matthew's Church, Francisville, -	7 02		
July 1,	" Trinity Church, Westchester, -	5 50		
" 1,	" All Saints' Church, Lower Dublin, -	8 20		
" 1,	" Emmanuel Church, Holmesburg, -	5 15	465	62
Sept. 21,	" Trinity Church, Southwark, -		10	00
Oct. 10,	" St. Philip's Church, Philadelphia, -		50	00
" 11,	" Grace Church, " -		50	00
" 11,	" Christ Church, " -		25	50
" 12,	" St. Paul's Church, Chester, -		9	25
" 25,	" St. James' Church, Downingtown, -		5	00
Nov. 12,	" St. Paul's Church, Montrose, -		4	00
" 12,	" St. Matthew's Church, Pike, -		2	00
" 15,	" St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia, -		75	00
" 16,	" St. John's Church, York, -		10	25
" 18,	" St. Stephen's Church, Philada., extra, -		30	00
" 22,	" Church of the Advent, " -		30	00
" 22,	" St. Luke's Church, Germantown, " -		25	00
" 26,	" St. Philip's Church, Philada., " -		30	00
" 28,	" Christ Church, " -		30	00
Dec. 2,	" Church of the Epiphany, " -		30	00
" 20,	" St. Andrew's Church, " -		30	00
	" St. Paul's Church " -		30	00
	" Ch. of the Evangelists, " -		5	00
	Amount carried forward,		\$1373	91

Dr. Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church is

	Dolls.	Ct.
1854. May 9,	Amount brought forward, To balance carried down, . . .	1640 77 240 53
		\$1881 30
<p>We have examined the foregoing account, and find it correct.</p> <p>RICHARD S. SMITH, } EDWARD OLMSTED, } <i>Committee.</i></p> <p>Philada., May 9, 1854.</p>		

		Dolls.	C.
1853.			
Dec. 20,	Amount brought forward,	1373	31
" 20,	By cash from contributions :		
" 20,	" Calvary Church, Rockdale,	5	00
1854.	" Christ Church, Brownsville,	6	00
Feb. 18,	" St. Paul's Church, Bloomsburg,	5	75
March 8,	Proceeds of sale of old bookcase,	10	80
" 27,	Cash from St. Andrew's Church, Philada,	121	30
" 30,	" Grace Church, Philadelphia,	100	00
April 19,	" St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh,	6	00
" 20,	" All Saints' Church, Moyamensing,	10	00
" 26,	" Trinity Church, Easton,	5	00
May 3,	" Church of the Epiphany, Pittsburgh,	5	00
" 3,	" St. Matthew's Church, Sunbury,	3	27
" 3,	" St. Mark's Church, Northumberland,	1	73
" 4,	" St. Mark's Church, Frankford,	10	00
" 4,	" St. John's Church, Northern Liberties,	17	54
" 5,	" St. Philip's Church, Philadelphia,	70	00
" 8,	" Church at Phoenixville,	5	00
" 8,	" St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia,	75	00
" 8,	" Church of the Epiphany, "	50	00
		\$1881	30
May 9,	By balance brought down,	\$240	53
<p>E. E. THOMAS ROBINS, <i>Treasurer.</i></p> <p><i>Philadelphia, May 9, 1854.</i></p>			

*Dr.**Fund for Disabled Clergymen*

		<i>Dolla.</i>	<i>C.</i>
1853.			
June, 3,	To cash paid Rev. Robert Davis, one qr. appropriation, due 1st September, 1853.	50	00
July 1,	To cash paid Rev. A. B. Hard, one qr. appropriation, due this day,	62	50
Feb. 2,	To cash paid Mrs. R. Bryant, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst.,	25	00
" 4,	To cash paid Mrs. F. Bourns, one qr. appropriation due 1st inst.,	50	00
" 6,	To cash paid Rev. Robert Davis, additional appropriation,	50	00
Sept. 1,	To cash paid Rt. Rev. Bishop Potter, being a donation to the widow and children of Rev. Freeman Lane,	50	00
Oct. 1,	To cash paid Mrs. R. Bryant, one qr. appropriation, due this day,	25	00
" 1,	To cash paid Rev. Robert Davis, one qr. appropriation, due 1st December, 1853,	50	00
" 5,	To cash paid Rev. A. B. Hard, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst.,	62	50
" 7,	To cash paid Mrs. F. Bourns, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst.,	50	00
Nov. 28,	To cash paid Rev. S. T. Lord, one qr. appropriation, due October 1st, 1853,	62	50
Dec. 1,	To cash paid Rev. Robert Davis, one qr. appropriation, due March 1, 1854,	50	00
Oct. 19,	To cash paid Rev. G. P. Hopkins, special appropriation,	50	00
Dec. 14,	To cash paid Mrs. Lydia Lane, one qr. appropriation, due January 1, 1854,	37	50
" 20,	To cash paid Rev. G. P. Hopkins, special appropriation,	62	50
1854.			
Jan. 2,	To cash paid Rev. A. B. Hard, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst.,	62	50
" 2,	To cash paid Mrs. F. Bourns, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst.,	50	00
" 3,	To cash paid Mrs. R. Bryant, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst.,	25	00
" 30,	To cash paid Rev. S. T. Lord, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst.,	62	50
March 2,	To cash paid Rev. Robert Davis, one qr. appropriation, due 1st June, 1854,	50	00
" 13,	To cash paid Rev. A. B. Hard, one qr. appropriation, due 1st April, 1854,	62	50
April 1,	To cash paid Mrs. R. Bryant, one qr. appropriation, due this day,	25	00
" 1,	To cash paid Mrs. Lydia Lane, one qr. appropriation, due this day,	50	00
" 1,	To cash paid Mrs. Lydia Lane, balance of previous quarter, the Trustees having increased the appropriation,	12	50
Amount carried forward,		\$1137	50

in account with Thomas Robins, Treasurer.

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		Dolls.	C.
1853.			
May 16,	By balance in the treasury per account, -	\$1139	48
" 17,	By contribution from St. Paul's Church, Lacyville, -	3	00
" 19,	" All Saints' Church, Lower Dublin, -	10	00
	" St. Peter's Church, Waterford, -	5	50
	" St. Paul's Church, Wellsboro', -	2	68
	" St. James' Church, Lancaster, -	30	50
	" St. Stephen's Church, Harriaburg, -	15	45
	" St. Peter's Church, Butler, -	4	05
	" St. Mark's Church, New Milford, -	2	11
	" St. John's Church, Pequea, -	3	25
June 6,	" Unknown through W. H. N., -	1	00
July 5,	Interest on investment, -		
Nov. 15,	To cash from All Saints' Ch., Lower Dublin, -	30	91
Dec. 27,	Do. St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia, -	149	57
" 27,	" Trinity Church, Pottsville, -	29	59
" 27,	" Emmanuel Church, Holmesburg, -	20	16
" 27,	" St. James' Church, Downingtown, -	5	00
" 27,	" Christ Church, Leacock, -	5	00
" 27,	" St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia, -	74	50
" 27,	" St. James' Church, " -	100	00
" 27,	" Gloria Dei, " -	15	55
" 28,	" Christ Church, Reading, -	28	00
" 28,	" Christ Church, Upper Merion, -	6	00
" 29,	" Christ Church, Meadville, -	15	37
" 29,	" St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia, -	150	00
" 29,	" Church of the Advent, " -	22	75
" 30,	" St. Matthew's Church, Sunbury, -	4	19
" 30,	" St. Mark's Church, Northumberland, -	3	58
" 30,	" St. Mark's Church, New Milford, -	6	00
" 30,	" St. Mark's Church, Frankford, -	30	05
" 31,	" Bangor Church, Churchtown, -	14	00
1854.			
Jan. 3,	" St. James' Church, Muncy, -	13	06
" 3,	" St. Luke's Church, Philadelphia, -	168	11
" 3,	" St. Matthew's Church, Francisville, -	17	00
" 3,	" St. Jude's Church, Philadelphia, -	18	00
" 4,	" Christ Church, Pottstown, -	6	00
" 4,	" St. Gabriel's Church, Morlatti, -	3	00
" 4,	" St. Michael's Church, Bridesboro', -	3	00
" 4,	" St. Stephen's Church, Wilkesbarre, -	20	00
" 5,	" St. David's Church, Manayunk, -	15	00
" 9,	" St. Andrew's Church, West Philada., -	10	00
" 10,	" St. James' Church, Perkiomen, -	3	70
" 10,	" Christ Church, Philadelphia, -	71	66
" 12,	" St. Paul's Church, Montrose, -	4	00
" 13,	" St. Mark's Church, Mauch Chunk, -	10	00
" 16,	" St. Mary's Church, West Philada., -	58	42
" 17,	" St. Peter's Church, Pittsburgh, -	26	66
" 18,			
		\$1236	37
	Amount carried forward,	\$1162	98

*Dr.**Fund for Disabled Clergymen*

		<i>Dolls.</i>	<i>C.</i>
1854.	Amount brought forward,	\$1137	50
April 1,	To cash paid Mrs. F. Bourns, one qr. appropriation, due this day,	5	00
" 7,	To cash paid Rev. G. P. Hopkins, one qr. appropriation, due 1st April,	62	50
May 11,	To cash paid Rev. Samuel T. Lord, one qr. appropriation, due 1st April,	62	50
" 16,	To balance carried down,	1360	01
		\$2672	51

We have examined the foregoing account, compared it with the vouchers, and found it correct, the balance in the Treasurer's hands being thirteen hundred and sixty dollars one cent, and the investment of one thousand dollars in city of Philadelphia 5 per cent. loan.

JOHN WELSH,
WM. H. NEWBOLD, } *Committee.*

Philada., May 16th, 1854.

The Trustees of the Christmas Fund for disabled Clergymen, respectfully report, that during the past year they have received fifteen hundred and thirty-three dollars and three cents, of which fourteen hundred and fifty-nine dollars and fifty-three cents were contributed by fifty-seven churches, fifty dollars in a donation from one individual, and twenty-three dollars and fifty cents, one half-year's interest on one thousand dollars, invested some years since to meet any unusual demand upon the fund.

The balance in the Treasurer's hands was, at the commencement of the fiscal year, eleven hundred and thirty nine dollars and forty-eight cents; there has been expended since that time the sum of thirteen hundred and twelve dollars and fifty cents, leaving now on hand thirteen hundred and sixty dollars and one cent to meet the expenses for the remainder of the year.

The benefits of the trust are now extended to four clergymen and the widows of three, at an expenditure of fifteen hundred dollars per annum, being an increase over the preceding year of seven hundred and fifty dollars.

By order of the Trustees,
WM. H. NEWBOLD, *Secretary.*
Philada., May 16th, 1854.

in account with Thomas Robins, Treasurer.

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			Dolls.	C.
1854.	Amounts brought forward,	\$1236 37	\$1162	98
	By contribution from			
Jan. 18,	St. Mary's Church, Chester County,	6 23		
" 18,	St. Philip's Church, Philadelphia,	66 90		
" 25,	St. Paul's Church, Bloomsburg,	9 00		
" 25,	St. Peter's Church, Philada., additional,	2 50		
" 25,	St. Paul's Church, Chester,	1 98		
Feb. 2,	Trinity Church, Easton,	10 25		
" 2,	Rev. W. H. Cooper, a thank offering for his rescue and that of his wife and children from the wreck of the Steamer San Francisco, for the benefit of the widows and orphans of deceased clergymen in this diocese,	50 00		
" 9,	Trinity Church, Pittsburgh,	70 30		
" 9,	Christ Church, New Brighton,	7 30		
" 10,	"A Friend,"	1 00		
" 15,	St. Peter's Church, Butler,	5 50		
March 6,	St. James' Church, Kingessing,	33 00		
April 12,	Christ Church, Danville,	10 00	1509	58
			\$2672	51
May 16,	By balance brought down,		\$1360	01
	E. & O. E. THOMAS ROBINS, <i>Treasurer.</i>			
	Philada., May 16th, 1854.			

Dr.

The Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Pennsylvania,

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in account with John Welsh, Treasurer.

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		Dolls.	C.
1853.			
May 9,	By balance as per account submitted and accredited this day.	434	52
<i>Receipts from PARISHES during the year.</i>			
" 14,	Evangelists' Church, Southwark,	\$10	00
" 16,	St. Luke's " Germantown,	10	00
" 17,	Atonement, " Philadelphia,	50	00
	St. John's " Norristown,	6	00
	St. Mark's " Mauch Chunk,	2	00
	St. Philip's " Summit Hill,	2	0
	Christ " Alleghany,	10	00
	St. Paul's " Laceyville,	3	00
	St. James' " Kingsessing,	15	84
	St. Thomas' " Morgantown,	0	68
	Trinity " Oxford,	6	37
	St. James' " Bristol,	2	50
	St. Thomas' " Whitmarsh,	3	00
	St. James' " Pittsburgh,	6	38
	St. Peter's " Blairsville,	2	75
	Christ " Greensburg,	5	00
	St. John's " New London,	2	35
	St. James' " West Marlboro'	85	
	Advent " Philadelphia,	15	00
	Messiah, " Richmond,	5	00
	St. John's " Pequea,	7	00
	St. John's " Philadelphia,	2	00
	St. James' " Lancaster,	23	69
	Trinity, " Pittsburgh,	100	00
	St. Andrew's " West Philad.,	5	00
	St. David's " Manayunk,	6	00
	St. Mark's " New Milford,	5	13
	St. Mark's " Lewistown,	2	35
	St. Mary's " Chester,	4	00
May 19,	Trinity, " Easton,	8	92
	Christ (Swedes) " Upper Merion,	7	50
	St. John's " Carlisle,	10	00
	St. John's " Salem,	1	00
	St. Stephen's " Harrisburg,	10	59
	St. Paul's " Bloomsburg,	6	65
	St. Peter's " Great Valley,	2	83
	St. Paul's " West Whiteland,	4	00
	St. Paul's " Kittanning,	2	87
	Gloria Dei " Southwark,	10	00
	Nativity " Spring Garden,	15	00
	St. Michael's " Wayne Township,	1	50
	St. James' " Perkiomen,	3	45
	St. James' " Downingtown,	3	50
" 25,	St. Matthew's " Francisville,	9	03
June 8,	Christ, " Reading,	22	00
" 9,	St. James' " Muncy,	9	65
" 10,	Christ " Towanda,	10	00
Amounts carried forward,		\$458	41
12*		\$434	52

Dr. The Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Pennsylvania,

		Dolls.	C.
	Amount brought forward,	1266	99
	<i>Salary paid to Bishop POTTER.</i>		
1853.			
Aug. 23,	To cash paid one quarter's salary, due this day,	\$1000	00
Nov. 23,	To cash paid one quarter's salary, due this day,	1000	00
1854.			
Feb. 23,	To cash paid one quarter's salary, due this day,	1000	00
Mar. 25,	To cash paid on account of salary, due 23d May,	500	00
May 6,	To cash paid in full for do.	500	00
		4000	00
	Amount carried forward,	\$5286	99

in account with John Welsh, Treasurer.

Cr.

				Dolls.
1853.	Amounts brought forward,			
June 10,	St. John's Church,	Bellefonte,	\$458 41	434 52
" 17,	Christ "	Danville,	7 00	
" 29,	St. Stephen's "	Wilkesbarre,	20 00	
July 1,	Trinity "	Pottsville,	26 34	
" 6,	Emmanuel's "	Westchester,	5 50	
Sept. 21,	Trinity "	Holmesburg,	10 85	
Dec. 29,	St. Mark's "	Southwark,	50 00	
1854.		New Milford,	4 00	
Jan. 4,	All Saints' "	Paradise,	7 00	
" 25,	St. Paul's "	Chester,	7 89	
May 3,	St. Mark's "	Frankford,	10 00	
" 6,	St. Peter's "	Phoenixville,	5 00	618 99
By Receipts from INVESTMENTS:				
May 26,	Pennsylvania 5 per cent. loan, 2			
	months' interest on \$202 19,	1 68		
	(Principal paid off, see subsequent			
	entry,) less State tax,	08		
		1 60		
April 30,	Six months' interest on \$22,224 66,	555 61		
	Less State tax,	27 78		
		527 83		
Feb. 1,	Six months' interest on \$22,224 66	555 61		
	Less state tax,	27 78		
1853.		527 83		
July 15,	Six months' interest on Philadelphia			
	City 6 per cent. R. R. loan, \$400,	12 00		
	Less state tax,	60		
1854.		11 40		
Feb. 11,	Six months' interest on Philadelphia			
	City 6 per cent. R. R. loan, \$400,	12 00		
	Less state tax,	60		
		11 40		
1853.	Receipts from the A. DOZ LEGACY:			1080 06
Sept. 26,	Six months' interest on Pennsylvania			
	5 per cent. loan, \$1486 72,	37 17		
	Less state tax,	1 86		
		35 31		
Nov. 23,	Interest on \$504 95 Pennsylvania 5			
	per cent. loan from 1st August, 1845			
	to 1st August, 1853, inclusive, 17			
	periods of \$12 63,	214 54		
	Less state tax,	10 54		
		204 00		
1854.				
Feb. 11,	Six months' interest on Pennsylvania			
	5 per cent. loan, \$1991 67,	49 79		
	Less state tax,	2 48		
		47 31		
Amounts carried forward,			\$286 62	\$2133 57

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in account with John Welsh, Treasurer,

Or.

			Dolla.	C.
1853.	Amounts brought forward,	\$286 62	2133	57
Dec. 22,	William Stewart's ground rent, 6			
1854.	months, due August 1st,	\$72 00		
April 20,	William Stewart's ground rent 6			
" 25,	months, due February 1st,	72 00		
	McCall's ground rent, 1 year, due			
	August 1st, - - - - -	12 00		
	Less taxes, - - - - -	3 00		
		9 00	439	62
1853.	Receipts from the KONNE LEGACY:			
July 13,	Six months' interest on \$4600 Philada.			
	City 6 per cent. R. R. loan,	138 00		
	Less state tax, - - - - -	6 90		
1854.		131 10		
Feb. 11,	Six months' interest on \$4600 Philada.			
	City 6 per cent. R. R. loan,	138 00		
	Less state tax, - - - - -	6 90		
1853.		131 10		
Aug. 30,	Six months' interest on \$150 Penn.			
	5 per cent. loan, - - - - -	3 75		
	Less state tax, - - - - -	15		
1854.		3 60		
Feb. 4,	Six months' interest on \$150 Penn.			
	5 per cent. loan, - - - - -	3 75		
	Less state tax, - - - - -	15		
		3 60	269	40
1853.	Receipts from the PILMORR LEGACY, through			
Aug. 1,	R. R. Montgomery, Esq., Treasurer:			
	Six months' interest on Pennsylvania			
	5 per cent. loan, (hitherto \$7664 37,			
	which, having been paid off, was			
	reinvested,) \$7950 48,	198 76		
	Less state tax, - - - - -	9 94		
1854.		188 82		
Feb. 1,	Six months' interest on Pennsylvania			
	5 per cent. loan \$7950 48,	198 76		
	Less state tax, - - - - -	9 94		
		188 82	377	64
1853.	Receipts from the HUTCHINS' LEGACY, through			
Aug. 1,	R. R. Montgomery, Esq., Treasurer:			
	Six months' interest on Pennsylvania			
	5 per cent. loan, \$1880 58,	47 01		
	Less state tax, - - - - -	2 35		
		44 66		
	Amounts carried forward,	\$44 66	\$3290	23

in account with John Welsh, Treasurer,

Or.

			Dolls.	C.
1854.	Amount brought forward,	\$44 66	3220	23
Feb. 1,	Six months' interest on Pennsylvania			
	5 per cent. loan, \$1880 58,	\$47 01		
	Less state tax,	2 35		
		44 66	89	32
	Receipts from the LOAN IN AID OF THE FUND FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE EPISCOPATE IN PENNSYLVANIA, through R. R. Montgomery, Esq., Treasurer:			
1853.	Six months' interest on United States			
July 6,	5 per cent. loan, \$4000,	100 00		
	Less proportion paid Bishop H. U.			
	Onderdonk,	19 13		
1854.		80 87		
Jan. 3,	\$4000 United States 5 per cent. loan having been paid off, it was reinvested in mortgage on P. E. Academy \$2500, Lehigh mortgage 6 per cent. loan \$1500.			
	Six months, less 5 days, interest on mortgage Pro. Episcopal Academy,	72 92		
	The entire \$1500 which purchased \$1495 36 Lehigh mortgage 6 per cent. loan could not all be imme- diately reinvested.			
	Interest received Sept. 21, 3 months on \$1055 20,	15 82		
	Interest received Dec. 21, 3 months on \$1495 36,	22 43		
		111 17		
	Less proportion paid Bishop H. U.			
	Onderdonk,	22 24	86	93
1853.	Six months' interest on Pennsylvania			
Aug. 1.	5 per cent. loan (hitherto \$3348 80, which having been paid off, was re- invested,)\$3474 81,	86 87		
	Less state tax,	4 34		
		82 53		
	Six months' interest on Pennsylvania			
	5 per cent. loan, \$3474 81,	86 87		
	Less state tax,	4 34		
		82 53	334	86
	SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS in aid of the Bishop's			
	SALARY:			
1853.	St. James' Church, Philadelphia,	150 00		
May 14,	St. Stephen's " "	150 00		
Nov. 18,	Epiphany " "	150 00		
" 25,	St. Luke's " "	150 00		
Dec. 22,				
	Amounts carried forward,	\$600 00	\$3644	41

		Dolls.	C.
1854.	Amount brought forward,	5286	99
		\$5286	99
May 8,	Balance in bank of North America,		961
<p>The subscribers, appointed by the Standing Committee, do certify that they have examined the foregoing account and found it correct; they have also examined the certificates of stock in which the fund is invested, and found that they amount to twenty two thousand nine hundred and twenty-six dollars and twenty-six cents of Pennsylvania 5 per cent. loan, and four hundred dollars of Philadelphia City R. R. 6 per cent. loan belonging to the "Episcopal Fund," and four thousand six hundred dollars Philadelphia City R. R. 6 per cent. loan, and one hundred and fifty dollars Pennsylvania 5 per cent. loan belonging to the "Kohne Legacy."</p> <p>\$22,926 26 Penna. 5 per cent. loan. 400 00 Philada. City R. R. 6 per cent. loan.</p> <p>\$23,326 26 Episcopal Fund.</p> <p>\$4,600 00 Philada. City R. R. 6 per cent. loan. 150 00 Penna. 5 per cent. loan.</p> <p>\$4,750 00 Kohne Legacy.</p> <p>EDWARD C. BIDDLE, } Committee. JOHN BOHLEN, }</p> <p>Philada. May 9, 1854.</p>			

in account with John Welsh, Treasurer,

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			Dolls.	C.
1853.	Amounts brought forward,	\$600 00	3644	41
Dec. 22,	St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia,	\$150 00		
1854-				
Jan. 9,	Grace " "	150 00		
" 10,	Christ " "	150 00		
Feb. 16,	St. Paul's " "	150 00		
April 8,	St. Philip's " "	100 00		
May 3,	St. Peter's " "	150 00	1450	00
1853.	Receipts from Investment paid off.			
May 26,	Pennsylvania 5 per cent. (reinvested in same.)		202	19
			\$5296	60
1854.				
May 8,	By Balance in bank of North America,		9	61
	E. & O. E. JNO. WELSH, Treasurer. Philadelphia, May 8th, 1854.			
	The "Episcopal Fund" of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, consists of twenty-two thousand nine hundred and twenty-six dollars twenty-six cents, in Pennsylvania 5 per cent. loan, four hundred dollars Philadelphia City R. R. 6 per cent. loan, and nine dollars sixty-one cents in the bank of North America; and the "Kohne Legacy" of four thousand six hundred dollars in Philadelphia City R. R. 6 per cent. loan, and one hundred and fifty dollars in Pennsylvania 5 per cent. loan. During the year the investment for the Episcopal Fund has been increased by the purchase, under the orders of the Standing Committee, of one thousand one hundred and eighty-five dollars forty-three cents Pennsylvania 5 per cent. loan.			
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	JAMES S. SMITH, } Trustees of the G. M. WHARTON, } Episcopal Fund, JOHN WELSH, } THOMAS ROBINS, }			

MARCH 8th, 1854.

Notice to persons who have in contemplation the ministry of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Under the Canons of the General Convention, or their own rules, the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, require from persons applying to them for the testimonials which are pre-requisite to CANDIDATESHIP for the Diaconate,

1. Written evidence that they have given to the Bishop, notice of their intention. Canon VII., of 1853, Sect. 1.

2. A certificate from one Presbyter and four laymen. Canon VII., of 1853, Sect. 2.

3. When an abridgment of time, on the ground of having exercised the ministry in another denomination, is desired, two additional testimonials, Canon VII., of 1838, Sections 3 and 4.

From persons applying to them for the testimonials which are pre-requisite to ORDINATION to the *Diaconate*, the Standing Committee require,

1. The certificate of the minister and vestry. Canon XV., of 1832, Sect. 2.

Or,

If the parish is without a minister, (which circumstance must be attested,) the above mentioned certificate signed by the vestry alone. Canon XV., of 1832, Sect. 2.

Or,

If there is no vestry of the parish, or, from peculiar circumstances not affecting character no possibility of procuring testimonials from the minister and vestry of the parish, (which facts must be attested) the certificate above mentioned, signed by twelve respectable Episcopalians. Canon XV., of 1832, Sections 2 and 3.

Or,

In certain cases, the above mentioned certificate, altered as to time. Canon VII., of 1838, Sect. 4.

2. The certificate of a Presbyter. Canon XV., of 1832, Sect. 2.

3. In the case of an individual desiring the consent of the committee to his ordination before the expiration of his three years of candidateship, evidence that the Bishop deems such abridgment of time expedient. Canon VII., of 1853, Sect. 7.

From persons applying to them for the testimonials which are pre-requisite to ORDINATION to the *PRIESTHOOD*, the Standing Committee require,

1. & 2. The first and second of the Certificates which are mentioned above, as required from individuals applying for the testimonials prerequisite to ordination to the Diaconate, with the *exception* that the papers may cover only so much time as has intervened between the Deacon's ordination and his application for Priest's Orders. Canon XV., of 1832, Sect. 5.

3. In the case of a Deacon desiring to be ordained to the Priesthood within less than one year from his ordination to the Diaconate, a notification by the Bishop concerning the case. Canon VIII., of 1832. Resolution of Standing Committee, May 3, 1853.

4. Evidence of an academical degree or of satisfactory examination by Presbyters, unless this evidence was filed with this Committee on the individual's applying for his first testimonials. Canon VII., of 1853, Sect. 3.

5. When a dispensation is desired, a certificate of extraordinary qualities, unless this certificate was filed with this Committee on the individual's applying for his first testimonials. Canon VII., of 1853, Sect. 4.

The Standing Committee meet statedly on the first Tuesday of every month.

They require that a testimonial, coming from a vestry, bear on its face that it was subscribed in vestry-meeting.

They construe the Canons *strictly*.

Applications to be recommended for admission to Candidateship for the Diaconate, lie over one month.

By order of the Standing Committee.

G. EMLIN HARE,	}	<i>Sub Committee.</i>
H. J. MORTON,		
JOHN A. VAUGHAN,		

FORM OF THE CERTIFICATE OF LAY DEPUTIES TO CONVENTION.

It is hereby certified, that at a meeting of the Vestry of Church, in the county of , held on the day of 18 , Mr. was duly elected a lay deputy to the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Pennsylvania, to be held in , on the day of next ; and that the said deputy is now, and has also been for not less than the six calendar months next before his election, a worshipper in the said Church.

Dated this of , 18

} *Wardens.*
 }
 } *Vestrymen.*

N. B.—If more than one deputy be chosen, a certificate in the above form may be given to each, or which is better, the names of all may be included in one certificate, varying the language accordingly.

N. B.—According to Canon XI., “no other certificate or evidence of the appointment of any lay deputy or deputies to the Convention of this Diocese, shall be allowed or received.”

FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORT.

To the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

Report of the parish of _____ Church, in _____, in
the county of _____, for the year ending May 1st, 18 ____.

CONGREGATION. Families, ____; Adults, ____; children, ____; total ____.

BAPTISMS. Adults, ____; Infants, ____; total, ____.

CONFIRMED, ____.

COMMUNICANTS. Added, ____; Died or removed, ____; present number ____.

MARRIAGES, ____.

BURIALS, ____.

PUBLIC SERVICES. On Sundays, ____; other days, ____; total, ____.

CHILDREN CATECHIZED, ____; Times, ____.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS. Male, ____; Teachers, ____; Pupils, ____.

“ Female, ____; Teachers, ____; Pupils, ____.

“ Infant, ____; Teachers, ____; Pupils, ____.

BIBLE CLASSES, ____; Members, ____.

COLLECTIONS. Episcopal Fund, \$ ____; Convention Fund, \$ ____;
Soc. Adv. of Christianity, \$ ____; Diocesan Missionary Society, \$ ____;
Missionary and other purposes, \$ ____; total, \$ ____.

STATISTICS OF PARISH. See Journal of 1849,—pp. 51-2,—as follows:

Property other than the Church building and lot owned by the Parish,

Amount of indebtedness of the Church of the parish,

Amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive,

Arrears of salary, if any,

SUMMARY OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS, 1854.

Families	from	76 Reports,	5,656.
Adults & child.	"	55 "	16,569.
Communicants,	"	119 "	11,067.
Marriages,	"	105 "	880.
Funerals,	"	116 "	1,301.
Public services,	"	97 "	13,979.
S. S. Teachers,	"	94 "	1,555.
S. S. Scholars,	"	98 "	13,174.
Bible classes,	"	33 "	1,003.

Contributions for benevolent purposes and payment of Church debts, from 109 reports, \$118,111 55.



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WM. BAUCON STEVENS, *Secretary.*

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Corresponding Secretary and Chairman of the Committee on Missions of the Society for Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania,	Rev. J. C. Clay, D.D., Swenson st., near the Swensons' Church.
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Clergy Daughters' Fund,	J. Francis Fisher, Esq., Treasurer, 22 Walnut street.
Brotherhood of the P. E. Church,	John P. Aertsen, Esq., President, 108 George street.
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Episcopal Reading Room Association,	Chas. E. Lox, Pres't, 51 N. 5th st.
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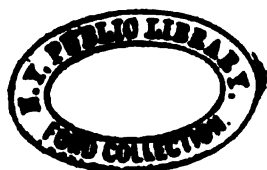
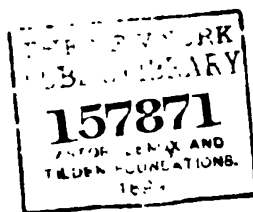
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“ Henry H. Bean,	“ George A. Durborow,
“ Frederick W. Beasley,	“ Samuel Durborow,
“ Archibald Beatty,	“ John C. Eccleston,
“ A. J. Berger,	“ Joseph J. Elsegood,
“ James Bonnar,	“ Rees C. Evans,
“ J. A. Bowman,	“ George G. Field,
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“ Samuel A. Clark,	“ G. Emlen Hare, D.D.
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“ Nathaniel E. Cornwall,	“ J. Theodore Hutcheson,
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“ Benjamin Dorr, D.D.	“ Norris M. Jones,
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Rev. George Kirke,
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 " T. W. Winchester,
 " Thomas C. Yarnall.

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Thomas Allibone,*	John W. Claghorn,
Lewis R. Ashhurst,*	John Clayton,
Frederick R. Backus,	A. G. Coffin,
Joseph B. Baker,	Herman Cope,
Robert Baldwin,	Harry Conrad,
W. P. Beatty,	Milton Cartright,*
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Geo. R. Blakiston,*	John C. Cresson,*
J. Irwin Blakslee,*	Wm. P. Cresson,
Geo. Blight,	David Cunningham,
John Bohlen,	Geo. F. Curwen,
James C. Booth,	Edmund L. Dana,
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Lewis Brinton,	Isaac Dilla,
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 Richard S. Stotesbury,*
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 Ellis Yarnell.

Those whose names are marked thus * were not present at the Convention.

LIST OF THE CONGREGATIONS APPOINTING

DELEGATES TO THIS CONVENTION.

Alleghany County.—Trinity church, Pittsburgh. Hopewell Hepburn.

St. Andrew's church, Pittsburgh. Isaac Whittier, Ebenr. Brewer.

Christ church, Alleghany City. Solomon W. Roberts.

St. Paul's church, Pittsburgh. F. R. Brunot, Wm. P. Marshall, D. Holmes.

Church of the Epiphany, Pittsburgh. Robert B. Sterling.

Berks County.—St. Gabriel's church, Morlatten. L. Brower.

Christ church, Reading. Isaac Eckert, Joseph L. Stichter, Wm. A. Richards.

St. Thomas' church, Morgantown. Levi B. Smith, David Plank, Cyus J. Bull.

St. Michael's church, Birdsboro'. George Brooke, Levi Hook, David J. Lincoln.

Christ church, Towanda. Benj. S. Russell, John F. Means, C. L. Ward.

Bucks County.—St. James the Greater church, Bristol. Lucius H. Scott, J. D. Mendenhall, Hezekiah King.

St. Luke's church, Newtown. Dr. James S. Rich, George H. Whitall, John Cresson.

Grace church, Hulmeville. Samuel Swift, William Elmslie, E. G. Harrison.

Trinity church, Centreville. William Stavely, Albert S. Paxon, William Alexander.

St. Paul's church, Doylestown. John Kessler, Jr., John B. Pugh, Charles H. Mann.

Butler County.—St. Peter's church, Butler. John N. Purviance, John Graham, Samuel Stuart.

Carbon County.—St. Mark's church, Mauch Chunk. Asa Packer, William H. Sayre, J. Irwin Blakslee.

Chester County.—St. Peter's church, Great Valley. John Tucker, Henry Walley.

St. John's church, New London township. Tho. M. Charlton, Joseph Hodgson, Benj. F. McDonald.

St. Mary's church, Warwick township. Evans Sheeler, Jno. Kaler.

St. John's church, Pequea. Thos. G. Henderson, Robert Baldwin, James Hopkins.

St. Paul's church, West Whiteland township. Jonathan Jones, Thomas R. Trimble, Dr. S. A. Ogier.

St. Andrew's church, West Vincent. Amariah Strickland, James Rooks.

St. Mark's church, Honeybrook. Caleb P. Talbot, Rees Welsh.

Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester. Lewis Brinton, James H. Bull, George W. Pearce.

St. James' church, Downingtown. W. H. Wilson, William W. Downing, J. S. Leach, M. D.

St. James' church, West Malboro'. John Bilson, John Bilson, Jr.

Columbia County.—St. Paul's church, Bloomsburg. Elias Mendenhall, John G. Freeze, E. P. Lutz.

Crawford County.—Christ church, Meadville. David Dick, Henry Gaylord Church, Dr. Edward Ellis.

Cumberland County.—St. John's church, Carlisle. Frederick Watt, William M. Watt, John B. Parker.

Dauphin County.—St. Stephen's church, Harrisburg. W. P. Beatty, J. R. Jones, Benjamin Parker.

Delaware County.—St. Paul's church, Chester. R. M. Johnson, John Larkin, Jr., J. G. Johnson,

St. Martin's church, Lower Chichester township, Marcus Hook. Frank Smith, B. F. Johnson, William Trainer.

St. David's church, Newtown township, Radnor. H. J. Brooke, John Mather, Benjamin Brooke.

St. John's church, Concord township. Hill Brinton, Henry W. Brinton, William Gray.

Calvary church, Rockdale. R. S. Smith, John Fildes, J. B. Rhodes.

Erie County.—**St. Paul's church, Erie.** B. B. Vincent, Wm. P. Johnston, Milton Cortright.

Fayette County.—**St. Peter's church, Uniontown.** Daniel Smith.

Lancaster County.—**St. James' church, Lancaster.** A. L. Hayes, Newton Lightner, J. G. Thackara.

Christ church, Leacock. R. J. Rutter, Joseph Slack, B. F. Hall.

All Saints' church, Paradise. Joseph B. Baker, Jacob Eshleman, David Cunningham.

St. Paul's church, Columbia. Dr. D. J. Bruner, Stephen F. Eagle.

St. John's church, Lancaster. Isaac Diller, Peter Wager, Jr., Henry E. Slaymaker.

Luzerne County. **St. Stephen's church, Wilkesbarre.** Edmund L. Dana, Isaac S. Osterhout, John K. Vallance.

Trinity church, Carbondale. C. P. Wurtz, H. S. Pierce, S. E. Bilger.

Lycoming County.—**St. James' church, Muncy.** Fleming W. Robb, Joseph Gudykeutz, James Henderson.

Christ church, Williamsport. John W. Maynard.

Mifflin County.—**St. Mark's church, Lewistown.** H. J. Walters, George W. Stewart.

Montgomery County.—**St. James' church, Perkiomen township,** Edward Evans, George Pennock.

St. Thomas' church, Whitmarsh township. James McCrea, M. D., Charles Burke, John Donat.

St. John's church, Norristown. John McKay, James W. Shrack, Henry Edy.

Christ church, Pottstown. John P. Rutter, Antes Snyder, Clement R. Potts.

The Church of the Redeemer, Lower Merion. George F. Curwen, Isaac Hazlehurst, David Morgan.

Northumberland County.—St. Matthew's church, Sunbury.—Wm. McCarty, J. Greenough.

Philadelphia City and County.—Christ church, Philadelphia. Wm. M. Meredith, James C. Booth, Henry M. Watts.

St. Peter's church, Philadelphia. Joseph R. Ingersoll, James S. Smith, Lawrence Lewis.

St. Paul's church, Philadelphia. John D. George, Samuel N. Davies, Richard S. Stotesbury.

St. James' church, Philadelphia. G. M. Wharton, Joseph Cabot, Ellis Yarnall.

St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia. C. Stevenson, A. G. Coffin, John Bohlen.

St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia. Tobias Wagner, William Kirkham, Edward Shippen.

Grace church, Philadelphia. Herman Cope, John W. Claghorn, Marshall Hill.

Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia. Lewis R. Ashhurst, Frederick W. Porter, Thomas H. Powers.

Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia. Dr. Samuel Lewis, F. W. Hemsley, C. M. Husbands.

St. Luke's church, Philadelphia. William Welsh, James M. Aertsen, George L. Harrison.

Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia. John C. Cresson, Theodore Trewendt, Thomas C. Hand.

St. Mark's church, Philadelphia. S. W. Cannell, Clayton T. Platt, John R. Wilmer.

Church of the Mediator, Philadelphia. William Duane, W. H. Woodward, Tinsley Jeter.

St. John's church, Northern Liberties. William Letford, Robert M. Moore, William Larzelere.

Advent church, Northern Liberties. Frederick R. Backus, Abel Reed, Anthony Miskey.

St. Matthew's church, Francisville. George M. Stroud, John Lambert, James S. McCalla.

St. Philip's church, Spring Garden. Harry Conrad, William P. Cresson, William Webb.

Church of the Nativity, Spring Garden. Thomas Thompson, Charles E. Lex, Joseph P. Huckel.

Church of the Redemption, Spring Garden. E. T. Hyatt, J. R. C. Smith, Thomas Loud.

St. Jude's church, Spring Garden. E. W. Mumford, Jacob S. Miller, Francis Wharton.

Emmanuel church, Kensington. Isaac A. Sheppard, James H. McBride, Matthew McPaul.

Church of the Messiah, Port Richmond. John Moffit, John Flood, E. C. Græff.

Zion church, South Penn Township. John Bringhurst, Benj. Whittingham, William Fulton.

Trinity church, Southwark. Peter Williamson, Clement S. Rutter, Dr. William H. Klapp.

Church of the Evangelists, Southwark. A. G. Coursault, Isaac Sansom, Wm. B. R. Selby.

Gloria Dei church, Southwark. Dr. J. W. Jones, Alexander McLeester, Andrew Toy.

All Saints' church, Moyamensing. James Moore, John C. Montgomery, Arthur Wells.

St. Luke's church, Germantown. John S. Littell, Cornelius Stevenson Smith, James R. Lambdin.

Christ church, Germantown. Phineas E. Hann, Charles L. Scott, Benjamin G. Godfrey.

St. David's church, Manayunk. Samuel Wagner, H. K. B. Ogle, Orlando Crease.

St. James the Less church, North Penn township. Robert Ralston, George Blight, George Helmuth.

Church of the Resurrection, Rising Sun. Jacob B. Shannon, John F. Lamb.

Trinity church, Oxford township. Edmund Green, Harvey Rowland.

All Saints' church, Lower Dublin township. Joseph Vandegrift, Henry Dewees, Dr. Charles R. King.

Emmanuel church, Holmesburg. George Fox, George G. Wagner, Francis King.

St. Mark's church, Frankford. John Broadbent, John Clayton, Samuel Tweedale.

St. Mary's church, West Philadelphia. Thomas Allibone, Edward F. Gray, N. B. Browne.

St. James' church, Kingsessing. Aubrey H. Smith, Dr. Robert K. Smith, Dr. Samuel Thomas.

St. Andrew's church, West Philadelphia. George R. Blakiston, Charles Blakiston.

Trinity church, Maylandville. J. F. Knorr, James P. Allen, Joseph S. Riley, Jr.

Church of our Saviour, Moyamensing. Thomas H. Montgomery, James B. Cowden, James Levis.

Schuylkill County.—Trinity church, Pottsville. Edward Owen Parry, Andrew Russell, E. Garrigues.

St. James' church, Schuylkill Haven. John Doherty, Charles M. Hill, Dr. S. H. Shannon.

Calvary church, Tamaqua. Roland Jones, G. H. McCabe, D. D. Lewis.

Wayne County.—Grace church, Honesdale. Joseph C. Delezanne, Z. H. Russell, J. C. Gunn.

St. John's church, Salem. Gaius Moss, Richard Evans.

York County.—St. John's church, York. Robert J. Fisher, Samuel Hermann, George C. Stair.

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PHILADELPHIA, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,
Tuesday, May 15th, A. D., 1855, 5 o'clock, P. M. }

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, the Rt. Rev. Alonzo Potter, D.D., L.L.D., Bishop of the Diocese, with several clergymen and lay deputies, attended at St. Andrew's Church.

The Bishop having taken the Chair, the Convention proceeded to organize.

A list of the Clergy entitled to seats, prepared by the Bishop, was called over by the Secretary, when the following answered to their names, and took their seats, viz :

Rt. Rev. Alonzo Potter, D.D., L.L.D.	Rev. Jehu C. Clay, D. D.
Rev. Thomas G. Allen,	" John Coleman, D. D.
" A. B. Atkins,	" Charles D. Cooper,
" Henry H. Bean,	" W. C. Cooley,
" Archibald Beatty,	" Wm. H. Cooper,
" Samuel Bowman, D. D.	" Thomas Crumpton,
" Henry Brown,	" Nathaniel E. Cornwall,
" Levi Bull, D. D.	" E. De Wolf,
" De Witt Clinton Byllesby,	" B. Dorr, D. D.
" John A. Childs,	" Jacob M. Douglass,
" Samuel A. Clark,	" Benjamin J. Douglass,

Rev. George C. Drake,	Rev. Richard Newton, D. D.
" Richard B. Duane,	" Frederick Ogilby,
" Henry W. Ducachet, D. D.	" Wm. H. Paddock,
" George A. Durborow,	" George Lewis Platt,
" Samuel Durborow,	" A. Prior,
" R. C. Evans,	" Samuel Randall,
" George G. Field,	" J. Rodney,
" B. Franklin,	" Joel Rudderow,
" John G. Furey,	" T. Rumney,
" Kingston Goddard,	" Peter Russell,
" G. Emlen Hare, D. D.	" J. Brinton Smith,
" William J. Hilton,	" Richard Smith,
" Marmaduke Hirst,	" Henry S. Spackman,
" M. A. De Wolfe Howe, D. D.	" Wm. Bacon Stevens, D. D.
" Edward C. Jones,	" Joseph A. Stone,
" D. Kendig,	" William Suddards,
" B. Killikelly,	" C. West Thomson,
" George Kirke,	" A. Ten Broeck,
" Milton C. Lightner,	" Richard S. Trapier,
" E. Lounsberry,	" D. A. Tyng,
" E. L. Lycett,	" Peter Van Pelt,
" John Gordon Maxwell,	" John A. Vaughan, D. D.
" Edward Mendenhall,	" Daniel Washburn,
" Daniel S. Miller,	" W. White,
" George Mintzer,	" H. T. Wilcoxon,
" Wm. White Montgomery,	" F. S. Wiley,
" B. Wistar Morris,	" J. P. B. Wilmer,
" Jacob B. Moras,	" Thomas C. Yarnall,
" Henry J. Merton, D. D.	" J. A. Woodward,
" G. W. Natt,	" E. P. Wright.

The following lay deputies presented certificates of their appointment in the form prescribed by Canon, and their names being recorded and called, they answered and took their seats, viz :

James M. Aertsen,	Joseph Cabot,	Orlando Crease,
Frederick B. Backus,	John W. Claghorn,	John O. Cresson,
Joseph B. Baker,	John Clayton,	Edmund L. Dana,
George Blight,	Arthur G. Coffin,	Samuel N. Davies,
John Bohlen,	Harry Conrad,	Joseph O. Delezeune,
Dr. D. J. Bruner,	A. G. Coursault,	Stephen F. Eagle,

Robert J. Fisher,	Charles E. Lex,	R. J. Rutter,
John Flood,	John S. Littell,	Isaac Sansom,
William Fulton,	Thomas Loud,	William H. Sayre,
E. Garrigues,	John W. Maynard,	Charles L. Scott,
John D. George,	Jacob S. Miller,	Evans Sheeler,
Benjamin G. Godfrey,	Anthony Miskey,	Isaac Sheppard,
A. L. Hayes,	John Moffit,	Joseph Slack,
George L. Harrison,	John C. Montgomery,	Daniel Smith,
Charles M. Hill,	Thos. H. Montgomery,	James S. Smith,
Marshall Hill,	Robert M. Moore,	Dr. Robert K. Smith,
Joseph I. Huckel,	E. W. Mumford,	William Stavely,
Tinsley Jeter,	James H. McBride,	Cornelius Stevenson,
Jonathan Jones,	Dr. James A. McCrea,	George M. Stroud,
Dr. John Jones,	Matthew McPaul,	J. G. Thackara,
R. M. Johnson,	H. K. B. Ogle,	John K. Vallance,
John Kessler, Jr.,	Isaac E. Osterhout,	Peter Wager, Jr.,
Dr. Charles R. King,	Edward Owen Parry,	Tobias Wagner,
William Kirkham,	George W. Pearce,	Henry Walley,
Dr. Wm. H. Klapp,	David Plank,	Henry M. Watts,
John F. Lamb,	Frederick W. Porter,	Arthur Wells,
James R. Lambdin,	Clement R. Potts,	William Webb,
John Lambert,	Thomas H. Powers,	William Welsh,
William Larzelere,	Robert Ralston,	Francis Wharton,
J. S. Leech,	Abel Reed,	George M. Wharton,
William Letford,	Solomon W. Roberts,	Isaac Whittier,
James Levis,	Andrew Russell,	Peter Williamson,
Lawrence Lewis,	B. H. Russell,	W. H. Wilson,
Dr. Samuel Lewis,	Clement S. Rutter,	W. H. Woodward.

The Convention then proceeded to choose a Secretary and Assistant Secretary.

The Rev. Wm. Bacon Stevens, D. D., was nominated for the office of Secretary; there being no other nomination, the balloting was dispensed with, and he was thereupon duly elected *viva voce*.

John Clayton, a lay deputy from St. Mark's Church, Frankford, Philadelphia, was then nominated for the office of Assistant Secretary; and there being no other nomination, he was, in like manner, duly elected Assistant Secretary.

Whereupon the Bishop announced that the Rev. Dr. Stevens had been duly elected Secretary of the Convention, and John Clayton Assistant Secretary.

Rev. Dr. Hare asked a suspension of the Rules of Order for the purpose of presenting a report from the Committee appointed by the last Convention, "On an Order of business for Convention."

The suspension being unanimously granted, Dr. Hare then presented the following report, which was adopted:

15th MAY, 1855.

The Committee to whom it was referred by the Convention of 1854 to report an order of business, respectfully recommend the passage of the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the following be hereafter the fifth section of the First Revised Regulation:

5. Order of the business of the Convention.

FIRST DAY (TUESDAY).

1. Election of Secretary and Assistant Secretary.
2. Report of unfinished business by the Secretary of the last Convention. Journal 1854 p. 72.
3. Appointment of these Committees, viz., Committee on Charters, Committee on claims of Clergymen to Seats, Committee on claims of Deputies to Seats.
4. Reference of Charters, and of claims to Seats, to the appropriate Committees.
5. Nominations to Offices to be filled by the Convention.—Journal 1849, p. 58.
6. Resolutions fixing the hours for meeting and for adjournment. The House, however, not to be considered as adjourned at any hour fixed by such resolutions, without a motion to this effect put and carried.
7. Resolutions respecting persons to be admitted to the sittings of the Convention.

SECOND DAY (WEDNESDAY).

1. Divine Service.
2. Bishop's Address.
3. Report of the Committee on Claims of Clergymen to Seats.
4. Report of the Committee on Claims of Deputies to Seats.
5. Elections, agreeably to the Constitution, at 5 o'clock, P. M., any

pending business to be at this time suspended by the Presiding Officer for this purpose. No business at this time to be proceeded with, except such as appertains to said elections.

6. Report of the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

7. Reports of the Treasurers of the Convention Fund, and the Episcopal Fund. Also other Reports conveying information merely, or not likely to give rise to debate.

THIRD DAY, &c., (THURSDAY, &c.)

1. Call of Names required by Penna. Canons xii. 5.
2. Call of Names required by Revised Regulations 4.
3. Elections not previously completed. Time, 10 o'clock, A. M.
4. Proposed Alterations of the Constitution, Canons, or Revised Regulations.
5. Report of the Committee on Charters.
6. Reports of the Committees not named above.
7. Unfinished business of the previous Convention.
8. Miscellaneous business.

Respectfully submitted,

G. EMLEN HARE,	} Committee.
G. M. WHARTON,	
CHAS. E. LEX,	

On motion of Rev. S. A. Clark, the Report of the Rev. Dr. Hare was ordered to be printed for the use of the members of the Convention.

The Bishop then appointed the following Committees :

Committee on Charters.—Rev. Dr. Howe, Rev. Messrs. Natt and Duane, and Messrs. Maynard, Hayes and S. W. Roberts.

Committee on Unfinished Business.—Rev. Messrs. Buchanan, Washburn and Byllesby.

Committee on Claims of Clergymen to Seats.—Rev. Messrs. Bean, M. O. Lightner and Cornwall.

Committee on Claims of Lay Deputies to Seats.—Messrs. G. M. Wharton, P. Williamson, Stavely and Pearce.

The Bishop having asked a suspension of so much of the second revised regulation as requires the administration of the Holy Communion on the second day of Con-

vention, and having presented the following note to the Convention, which was read by the Secretary, to wit :

At a meeting of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, acting as a Council of Advice to the Bishop, held the 8th day of May, A. D., 1855, the following minute was unanimously adopted, and the Secretary of the Committee directed to certify the same to the Bishop, viz :

"The Rev. Dr. Vaughan having announced to the Council of Advice that the Bishop of the Diocese desires to impart to the annual season for the meeting of the Convention, a more devotional character, the council resolve to put on record and to communicate to the Bishop their cordial concurrence in this project of their Diocesan, and they respectfully advise their Ecclesiastical father to arrange, and announce to the Convention, such measures as he may deem best suited to carry into effect the views which he has communicated to the Council."

Attest,

EDWARD OLMSTED,
Secretary, *pro. tem.*

and having further stated, that it was his intention, in addition to the service usual on Wednesday to have service and the Holy Communion on Thursday, it being Ascension Day, it was, on motion of Rev. Dr. Ducachet, unanimously ordered, that the suspension requested should be granted. The Secretary then moved the adoption of the usual Rules of Order, (vide p. 18 last Journal,) also the following Resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That the House shall hold two sessions every day, viz : from 9 A. M. to 2 P. M., and from 5 P. M. to 7 P. M., provided that it shall not meet on Wednesday A. M. until 10 o'clock, and that it shall adjourn on Thursday A. M. at 11, to attend divine service, it being the festival of our Lord's ascension.

Resolved, That Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church belonging to this Diocese, and not entitled to seats in the Convention; and Clergymen not belonging

to this Diocese; and Clergymen of the Church of England or of her colonies; and Students of Divinity of the Episcopal Church, now in this city, be admitted to the sittings of this Convention.

On motion, the Convention adjourned.

WM. BACON STEVENS, *Secretary*.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, }
Wednesday, May 16th, 10 A. M. }

The Convention assembled and attended Divine Service. The morning prayer was read by the Rev. Wm. M. Carmichael, D. D., assisted by the Rev. Theo. S. Rumney. The Right Rev. George Upfold, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Indiana, read the Litany.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. Samuel Bowman, D. D., from 1 Cor. xiv. 26. The Bishop of the Diocese offering the concluding prayer, and pronouncing the Benediction.

After service the Convention was called to order.

The roll was then called, and the following Clergy not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats:

Rev. H. B. Bartow,
" F. W. Beasley,
" T. J. Davis.
" Jos. J. Elsegood,
" A. B. Hard,
" N. M. Jones,
" Cyrus F. Knight,
" Edmund Leaf,

Rev. T. B. Lyman,
" Geo. D. Miles,
" John K. Murphy,
" Geo. W. Natt,
" Joshua M. Rodgers,
" Henry Tullidge,
" Wm. E. Webb,
" T. W. Winchester,

And the following Lay Deputies :

James P. Allen,	E. G. Harrison,	Frank Smith,
L. Brower,	B. F. Hall,	Daniel Smith,
John Broadbent,	Samuel Hermann,	Henry E. Slaymaker,
Lewis Brinton,	Joseph Hodgson,	Antes Snyder,
James H. Bull,	R. M. Johnston,	Joseph L. Stichter,
John Cresson,	B. F. Johnson,	S. H. Shannon, M. D.,
George F. Curwen,	Wm. P. Johnson,	George C. Stair,
Henry Dewees,	Chas. R. King, M. D.,	Richard S. Smith,
Isaac Diller,	E. P. Lutz,	Aubrey H. Smith,
John Donat,	John Larkin, Jr.,	Levi B. Smith,
Wm. Duane,	J. D. Mendenhall,	Amariah Strickland,
Jacob Eshleman,	John McKay,	John Tucker,
Wm. Elmslie,	John B. Parker,	Wm. Trainer,
George Fox,	Benjamin S. Russell,	Samuel Tweedell,
John G. Freeze,	James Rooks,	Rees Welsh,
Edmund Green,	John P. Rutter,	George G. Wagner.
		Ellis Yarnall.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Bishop then read his Annual Address as follows :

ADDRESS.

BRETHREN :—

Another year having passed since we last met, it becomes my duty to report the official acts which I have performed during this time, and also to note some of the more material changes which have taken place in the condition of the Diocese. Since I was first called to the post which I now occupy, a period of ten years has elapsed, and it may not be uninteresting or unprofitable to connect with a retrospect of the year just closed, a brief review of this longer term of service, and to endeavor to derive from its leading incidents some hints for our future guidance.

It is rarely our privilege to open a narrative like this without being compelled to record the departure from this mortal life of one or more of our brethren in the ministry. Already, to most of you, it is known, that the Rev. Robert Davis—for more than a quarter of a century a Presbyterian of this Diocese—has recently been borne

to "the house appointed for all the living." Infirm health had long disqualified him for the more active duties of his profession, and had often clouded the serenity and cheerfulness of his mind. But those who knew him best knew him as a man of kind heart, of active and generous sympathies, of great integrity of purpose, and of devout affections. His intellect, beyond that of most men, was clear and vigorous; and there are not a few who gratefully remember the instruction and the impulse towards a higher life which they derived from his conversation and society. Recurring to the many years during which he went in and out among us, and remembering that the places that have known him so well are to know him no more for ever, we cannot but mingle our regrets with the consolatory hope that our friend, so long an afflicted and solitary man, now rests in the hope of a better resurrection. "The memory of the just is blessed."

In reverting to the names attached to the testimonial of my election, drawn up in May, 1845, I find that out of *seventy-six* clergymen who were then members of the Convention and sharing in its deliberations, *nine* are no longer among the living; and that of the *ninety-three parishes* then represented, *twenty-one* have been deprived by death of one or more of the deputies then present. Such facts constitute a startling call to work while we have time. The mutability of all things connected with the Church Militant, especially in this country, is still further illustrated by the fact, that of the *seventy-six* clergymen just referred to, only *one-half* are now resident in this Diocese, and in more than one instance they have removed in the interim, but have since returned.

SUMMARY.*

During the past year I officiated on two hundred and forty-three occasions, on one hundred and thirty-six of which Confirmation was administered. The whole number of persons *confirmed* is *one thousand two hundred and ninety-four*.

Six Churches have been *consecrated* and *five* corner-stones of churches laid. *Eight candidates* have been ordained *Deacons*, and *Six Deacons* advanced to the *Priesthood*.

I have also preached on about two hundred occasions, baptized fifteen infants and one adult, administered the Holy Communion

* See Particulars at the close of the Address.

twenty-one times, solemnized five marriages, and officiated at four funerals.

The present number of Candidates for Orders in the Diocese is twenty-five. Of Clergymen of all degrees the number is one hundred and sixty-seven; of Parishes and Congregations nominally one hundred and seventy-two; actually, not more than one hundred and fifty-six.

During the last ten years (less four months which elapsed between my election and consecration) I have officiated in public on two thousand two hundred and eighty-four occasions, on one thousand and two of which the rite of Confirmation was administered. The whole number of persons Confirmed during this period is eight thousand six hundred.

I have also, during the same period, consecrated fifty churches, admitted sixty-five candidates to the Diaconate and sixty-one Deacons to the Priesthood, preached seventeen hundred sermons, baptized one hundred and fifty-four infants and adults, and administered the Holy Communion two hundred and nineteen times.

In instituting a comparison between the present and the past condition of the Diocese, we should remember that figures are at best but an imperfect index of its actual state. There may be increase of churches and clergymen, a material addition of worshippers and communicants, and yet the aggregate moral and spiritual power of the Diocese be stationary or even retrograde. I would speak, therefore, with diffidence of any apparent prosperity which we enjoy; yet not without thankfulness that so many signs of increasing activity and zeal can be discerned, both among the Clergy and among the Laity. One of the most cheering facts in our experience is that the advance, during the last ten years, in the number of communicants and Sunday school scholars, and in the amount contributed to benevolent objects, has been greater in proportion, than the increase in the number of parishes and clergymen; thus indicating not merely an expansion of our visible limits, but a substantial addition to the strength and earnestness and liberality of our older congregations. In much larger proportion, too, than formerly, our rural and suburban parishes are coming to be self-supporting, and throughout the Diocese, with a few exceptions, the erections of Parsonages, the separation of parishes which were formerly held jointly by the same

clergyman, and the increase of clerical compensation, indicate progress. The number of our Sunday school scholars is larger than in any of our sister Dioceses. Some provision has been made for the support, at school, of the sons and yet more for that of the daughters of the Clergy. Academies of the highest order have been opened in this city and elsewhere, under the immediate auspices of the Church, in which a large number of the young of both sexes have been educated gratuitously. Hospitals have been founded for the sick, for the aged and infirm, and for orphans ; and measures are in progress, especially in this city, to enlarge materially our sphere of operations in this department.

In 1845, the number of clergymen reported as belonging to this Diocese, was 121 ; in 1855, it is 167. In 1855, the number of parishes reported was 119 ; but the actual number that had more than a name to live, was less than 100, and of these more than one-half received material assistance from without. In 1855, the number of parishes is ostensibly 172, but actually not more than 156, of which not less than 80 are self-supporting ; indicating an increase of 56 in the number of congregations, and of 46 in the number of the clergy. In 1844, the number of communicants reported to the General Convention, as belonging to this Diocese, was 8,865 ; in 1853, (nine years later) it was 12,600. In 1844, the number of Sunday school scholars reported, was 9,305 ; in 1853, it was 15,004.

During the ten years just ended, fifty-four churches have been erected and occupied, and seven more are now in progress. Between twenty and thirty churches have also been materially enlarged and improved ; twenty-three parsonage houses have been erected or purchased, and I rejoice to add that there are very few places of worship in the Diocese which, during the same period, have not been to some extent renovated and adorned. In the city of Philadelphia alone, eighteen new churches have been built for new congregations, nine have been enlarged, and nearly all repaired and improved.

There is one feature in the operations of the Diocese, during this period, to which we may recur I think with special satisfaction, for it seems to promise the approach of a time when we shall be able to command greatly increased means for church extension. I refer to the reduction, and in a large measure, the entire liquidation of church debts. During the last few years this work has absorbed our re-

sources to an extent much greater than is usually supposed. The sum devoted to this object in the city and county of Philadelphia alone, within the last eight years, cannot have been less than two hundred thousand dollars.* In every part of the Diocese the same righteous and prudent work has been advancing, and the whole amount remaining unpaid is comparatively small. Its liquidation is an easy task, and once accomplished, we may hope that the means and energy which have been lavished so freely on the ungrateful work of discharging obligations belonging to the past, and in the incurring of which many of us had no part, will be held sacred for the future and rapid extension of the Saviour's Kingdom. What may not be hoped from the next ten years, if the power and liberality thus developed in conjunction with that which has been already given to the work, and in conjunction with much which is still to be quickened into life—if all this shall be addressed under the inspiration of faith and hope to new enterprises?—I am aware that, under the pressure of an imperious and urgent sense of duty, this work may have been pushed forward, in some cases, at a rate which induces temporary exhaustion. But such exhaustion soon recruits itself, while the power that has been developed by faithful and strenuous effort, forms a permanent addition to our resources. It is a hope, to which I have clung fondly during past years, and which I shall not readily relinquish, that those who have done so nobly in liquidating debts which have descended to them, in many cases, as heirlooms from their predecessors, will not be wanting when they are called upon to meet the rapidly increasing wants of this vast city and commonwealth, and to rear new sanctuaries for their children and their children's children.

† The Diocese has a great work before it, and it is one which admits of no delay. So long as this incubus of debt weighed upon many of our largest and most earnest congregations, at once a burden and a reproach, I have been slower in devising and pressing the establishment of new parishes, and the prosecution of new missionary and benevolent enterprises, than would otherwise have become my office and comported with my desires. This impediment is now all but overcome, and the church in Pennsylvania, and especially in

* During the last ten years nearly \$400,000. have also been paid in Philadelphia on account of new church buildings, parsonages, &c., in the Diocese out of Philadelphia, the amount paid for the same object has been over \$200,000.

† This portion of the Address was delivered as a Charge on the following day.

Philadelphia, wants but the will to move forward to a new and blessed career of beneficence. This city has doubled its population and more than doubled its capital in less than fifteen years, and in its growth and abounding prosperity the members of our communion have had their full share. The whole commonwealth is advancing with strides more and more rapid. Multitudes from different lands are thronging towards its mines, manufactories, fields and forests. While their skill and toil enhances our power and fills our coffers, they may well claim that they be not left destitute of the true riches. In our large towns and mining districts there are numbers frightfully large who seem to have none to care for their souls. Schools are opening the intellectual capacities of our people and creating an appetite for mental employment and gratification, which must be fed from the tree whose fruit is for the healing of the nations, or it will sate itself on garbage. The labors of philanthropic men and the authority of law, are likely to stay, in some good degree, the awful flood of intemperance, which has swept so long and so ruthlessly over many homes and through many souls; and minds that have hitherto been besotted by vice and indigence will now, we fondly hope, be open to appeals from the cross and from a sanctified literature. God is also inclining many, who are without, towards our services, and a large proportion of them have property and social influence. In yet greater mercy, He is rousing our people, both lay and clerical, to a new sense of the debt which we owe as a church to the poor and outcast and forsaken, and He is moving us to tremble lest the Divine Presence be withdrawn from a communion to which "the common people" do not press as they did of old to hear the words of Christ, when his name was cast out as evil by scribes, pharisees, and principal men. In an unwonted manner too, He is disposing us to relax the stiffness of our liturgical system when we go abroad in missionary labor; and in almost every conceivable way he seems to say to this church in Pennsylvania, as of old he said to the angel of the church in Philadelphia, "behold I have set before thee an open door." Shall we fail in the wisdom, the courage, the devotion, that become such a crisis? Never was a more golden opportunity held out to us in this commonwealth or in this city, and if we prove wholly unequal to its needs, we may well fear lest the candlestick be removed out of its place.

Two objects have been kept steadily in view, *first*, the consolidation and enlargement of such of our congregations as have been recently established or are still weak; and *secondly*, the formation of new parishes as opportunities offer. A *third* object is entitled to more consideration than has yet been applied to it. I allude to the care of such scattered members of our flock as cannot be gathered at once into separate congregations, but who need, as they earnestly desire, both for themselves and their children the offices of the church; and ministrations to whom can be well connected with missionary labors among those who belong to no communion. Such persons are to be found—sheep without a shepherd—in every part of the Diocese. Already services among some of this class, by District or Itinerating Missionaries, have resulted in the establishment of a few new congregations, in the revival of others which were nearly extinct, and in the edification and comfort of many sons and daughters of our communion. It is a department of our work, however, which deserves to be greatly enlarged. I can conceive of few measures more likely to honor God by benefitting men, than a well digested system of *Itinerancy*, which shall cover all Pennsylvania not yet occupied and be administered by men of sound judgment, earnest zeal and indomitable perseverance. It might embrace the care of such feeble and stationary parishes as now engage too large a share of the time and strength of their pastors. Three Presbyters, the Rev. S. T. Lord, the Rev. W. H. Paddock and the Rev. A. Prior, are now acting in this capacity; the first two in Western, the third in Eastern Pennsylvania.

When we examine what has been done in promoting the stability and comfort of the pastoral relation by increasing salaries, building parsonages, providing Rectors' Libraries, with free scholarships for their children, and an endowment for their families in case of death, the aggregate seems very large; yet it bears but a moderate proportion to what we need. Here is a field which may well claim our steady and earnest attention. What has been accomplished in it already, demonstrates that nothing but resolute effort and earnest prayer are needed to achieve what remains. In this and every Diocese, however, there are and ever must be, positions which can be occupied only at considerable—sometimes at very great—sacrifice to their incumbents. No one can witness, as I do, the cheerfulness with which refined and educated men and delicate and accomplished

women, submit to the severest personal privations, or draw unceasingly upon their own strength or private means, to eke out an insufficient salary, without being filled with admiration and with gratitude to that God who thus strengthens his servants to give rather than receive, nor without sounding again and again to those whom Providence has blessed with substance the call to remember these brethren and sisters in their heroic struggle against want and discouragement.

In no part of the Diocese is the opening for missionary labor more inviting than in Philadelphia, and in none perhaps do we so much need to redouble our exertions. Here we have wealth, zeal and the requisite capacity to conduct missions on the largest and most effective scale. I will now but express the hope that this too long neglected work will soon be undertaken with a vigor commensurate in some degree with its importance. And in this connection let me suggest whether in erecting new churches it may not be expedient to abandon the plan of multiplying such as are intended only or mainly for the poor. They do not seem to harmonize with our position or our necessities. As churches for the poor, they are apt to be avoided by all who do not expect to remain in that class or who are unwilling to proclaim their indigence. The rich and especially the middle classes shun them of course—so that too generally they languish, badly supported and not well attended. In the house of God, where *His* special presence dwells who is the **Maker** of them all, rich and poor and those of every class ought, as it seems to me, to meet together. It promotes sympathies which are none too strong or active now; it secures that churches shall be large enough to be ultimately self-supporting, and it opens for the clergy that diversified sphere of labor which is best for their mental and spiritual culture.

The system of *Convocations for the Clergy*, in different districts of the Diocese, was adopted in the hope that it would develop a spirit of co-operation and self-reliance among the churches in such districts—that it would create centres of church enterprise and activity out of which independent Dioceses might, in some cases, ultimately spring and promote sentiments of affection and fraternity generally among our clergy and people. Some of these results have, I think, been secured already, and I cannot but hope that if the

system works itself out steadily and efficiently, all of them will be compassed in time. Some of the Convocations evince increased interest in missions within their own bounds.

In my last address I expressed the opinion that this Diocese ought, at no distant day, to have a *Training College for Ministers of the Gospel and Teachers of Youth*. The rapid growth of our resources and spiritual necessities will contribute each year to demonstrate that such an Institution is a necessity. Our population is one that can be dealt with most successfully by clergymen trained in its midst and sharing in its habits and tastes. Pennsylvania embraces great diversities of people whether we consider their origin or their pursuits. Every kind of employment, whether rural, mining, manufacturing or commercial, has within our bounds, its representatives in large and increasing numbers, and almost every nation of Europe has contributed ingredients towards the great social caldron which is seething around us. But with all these varieties there is still a certain unity of character, and we need candidates for the ministry who can appreciate the latter while they are being trained to adjust themselves to the manifold phases of the former. An education, moreover, which shall fit a man to be a successful and efficient minister in the different spheres afforded by this Diocese would qualify him for almost any position which is likely to present itself in the United States; and it is therefore within our power to deal here with the whole problem of Domestic Missions. The remotest West can hardly present emergencies to a missionary which may not be met with in some part of Pennsylvania, and if in an Institution of our own, we can train men with the force, the tact, the versatility, the genial temper, the unconquerable resolution and self-sacrificing zeal which are needed to win the confidence and allegiance of the people of this Commonwealth, we shall have done much for the solution of a momentous question interesting to every part of our church and of our country. It is a subject for sincere congratulation that the foundation of such a College is likely to be laid at no distant day.

In closing this Address I introduce another subject on which I hoped to have been prepared to express myself with entire distinctness. From the beginning of my Episcopate I have contemplated the *division of this Diocese* as a measure which ought not

to be long delayed. As far as I have had opportunity I have endeavored quietly but steadily to prepare for it, by developing the energies of the remoter districts and rendering them more and more equal to the task of self-support. I have been sensible that more Episcopal as well as more clerical and lay force was desirable, and that the rapid growth of our population and my own advancing age would render a reduction in the size of the Diocese doubly expedient. So far as my own wishes are concerned I could at once propose a line of division which would leave both the Dioceses large enough to occupy all the energies of their incumbents, and I should be willing myself to be assigned, for the remainder of my life, to the charge of either of them. It will cost me severe pangs to part with any of the friends among whom I have gone ministering for the last ten years and at whose hands I have received such unmeasured kindness. But delay would not be likely, at least on my part, to lessen those pangs when at length the time for separation came, and I should hold myself unworthy of my office and of the confidence which you have generously given me if, on such a question, I could be governed by any other consideration than your welfare, the welfare of those you represent and the honor of the Saviour.

Until recently I intended to propose that steps contemplating an early division be taken at once. Circumstances have occurred, however, which render it more than possible, that the contingency contemplated by the Canon which authorizes the election of an Assistant Bishop, may present itself before long, and in that event such an election might be thought to supersede the necessity of an immediate division of the Diocese. I therefore reserve the subject, and in my future course will endeavor to be guided by the indications of Providence, and by the counsel of such friends, medical and otherwise, as may be able best to appreciate the emergencies of the case, as it respects both the Diocese and myself.

Such personal relief as (I am admonished) I imperiously and immediately need, I can obtain in part, and perhaps entirely, by declining all duty which does not pertain directly to my office. I have participated, since I came to this Diocese, in many movements which contemplated the general improvement of society, because I felt that labor of that kind was eminently becoming in a Christian Bishop, and because I hoped that it might, if properly discharged, not only

benefit its more immediate objects, but also exert a benign reflex influence upon our Communion. But such labor I have always regarded as wholly secondary to my proper official work, and I shall not hesitate to withdraw from it in proportion as precarious health, or accumulating Episcopal duty indicates the propriety or necessity of such a course.

Having announced my readiness to co-operate in dividing the Diocese, and my cordial desire to see it consummated soon, I will add some remarks on a subject of more general interest. The reduction of Dioceses to what has been called the primitive standard is, with many, a favorite idea. By the constitution of our American Church, as it now reads, no new Diocese can be formed out of existing Dioceses, if it contain less than eight thousand square miles of territory, or have less than thirty Presbyters canonically resident therein and regularly settled in a parish or congregation. It was proposed in the General Convention of 1850, that both these restrictions should be withdrawn, and that, with the consent of the Bishop and Convention more immediately interested, and that of the General Convention, new Dioceses should be formed without any limitation as to territorial extent or clerical force. At the Convention of 1853, this proposition received the unanimous consent of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, but was non-concurred in by the Bishops, by a vote of 17 to 9. As this action of the Bishops has been made the occasion of reproach—ambitious motives having been freely attributed to them—and as it was on my motion that the vote of non-concurrence was adopted, it may be proper to assign some of the reasons which induced it, and also to develop some of the principles which, in my judgment, ought to govern the future policy of our Church on this important subject. I was myself the more free to move in this matter—on the occasion referred to—because under the law, as it now stands, the Diocese of Pennsylvania might at once be divided into three if not four dioceses, each having the required number of presbyters and square miles. As no relaxation, therefore, of these requirements would be likely to affect my personal position, I felt that I could deal with the subject simply on general principles, and without the obloquy to which some of my brethren, under their different circumstances, might be exposed.

The Resolution of non-concurrence adopted by the Bishops was

in these words:—"Resolved, That this House non-concur in the proposed amendment to the Seventh Article of the Constitution, for the reason that it would not, in their judgment, be wise to dispense with all restrictions as to the number of Presbyters and extent of territory." They followed their non-concurrence with the proposal to the lower House, (through a committee of conference,) to dispense with all territorial restriction, except that not more than one Diocese should be formed in the same city—simply requiring that to entitle a new Diocese to be established it must have a certain number of self-supporting parishes and settled presbyters, (fifteen of each) and must leave not less than thirty self-supporting parishes and twenty presbyters in the parent diocese. That overture was accepted by the House of Deputies, and if ratified at the next General Convention, becomes thenceforth a part of the organic law of our Church. It leaves the matter as open as can well be required, while it secures that no strong Diocese shall set off an insignificant fraction of its territory and churches to be a feeble and sickly body, and provides on the other hand, that any part of an existing Diocese which seeks to become independent, shall give, in its number of clergy and self-sustaining parishes, some pledge that it has within itself the elements of life and growth. Western New York, when formed into a Diocese, had seventy-six clergymen. The Church in each State, it must be remembered, is entitled already, to erect itself into an independent Diocese, and but six parishes and six presbyters are necessary to entitle such diocese to elect its own Bishop. Without the boundaries of States having this small number of parishes and presbyters we must rely, of course, on Missionary and Provisional Bishops; and as our territory expands of late, even faster than our population—it is evident, that for some time to come such Bishops, in common with some of our Diocesans, must labor over large tracts of country, and rely for support either on parishes which they hold as rectors, or on their brethren of older and richer Dioceses. There is here, brethren, a field for our liberality and fraternal co-operation which we shall never, I trust, overlook.

When we come to regulate the sub-division of older dioceses, we encounter questions which deserve thorough discussion, and which will be resolved in different ways, according to the view which

we take of the Episcopal office, and of the functions proper to it in this country.

In the early church, the jurisdiction of Bishops was naturally co-extensive with a principal city and its adjacent villages and territory. Its territorial extent, however, was often much greater than is commonly represented. The African Dioceses (according to Bingham) embraced on an average three or four-score towns and villages, besides the principal city. Hippo, the Diocese of St. Augustine, was more than forty miles long, which, if estimated by the time required to traverse it, would be equivalent at present, in most of the older dioceses, to two hundred miles. Carthage is said to have had five hundred clergymen subject in the fourth century to the same Bishop, and Hooker adduces the authority of Chrysostom and Theophilus of Alexandria, to prove that "ample jurisdiction" was the rule rather than the exception.

But to my mind, a more weighty consideration is to be found in the great difference which may be observed between the position of a modern Bishop in a Reformed Communion, and that of the ancient Episcopate. The conception formed, under the Roman Empire, of almost every local authority, was naturally modelled after that which, to a Roman mind, was then the ideal of Executive power—a centralized monarchy. For a long time, Presbyters, instead of being Rectors of independent parishes, were mere assistants or curates of their Bishop, who was Pastor of the principal church in the Diocese. They were attached to the principal or parent church, and served the Bishop both as his council of advice and as his subordinates in preaching and ministering the sacraments and in missionary labor throughout the surrounding villages and districts. I need hardly indicate the vast difference between such a Bishop and one invested with the supervision of an American Diocese, where Episcopalians form a small minority of those who profess and call themselves Christians, and where parishes and their Rectors have not only a certain independent existence, but are, in one respect, the fountains of our legislation, and indeed of all church authority.

Such a Diocesan Episcopacy, being the only one adapted to the habits and genius of our people, is the only one likely to gain a footing among American Protestants. A monarchical Episcopate

which would transform each Bishop into an Autocrat, his Presbyters into drill-sergeants, and the people into spiritual serfs, is, among the children of the Reformation in this land, simply an impossibility. And we ought, it seems to me, to thank God for it. A Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, who is wise, will be as jealous of the rights of his Clergy and of their people as of his own. He will hold in highest estimation those of his administrative functions which are merely advisory and preventive, and will count it more a pleasure and a privilege to foresee, and by friendly private counsel, avert evil and promote good, than to exercise the lordliest rule over God's heritage.

But, if such are the functions of a Bishop—if, in his cure, each Presbyterian has an independent authority and jurisdiction of his own, the labors that pertained to the Episcopal office, during the first five centuries, have been greatly abridged, and the sphere in which he applies them will admit, in the same proportion, of being geographically enlarged. If he is to strengthen the position and increase the proper influence of the Clergy, he should not be too much among their people, so as to be tempted to supersede them in their proper functions, or to open his ears too readily to the complaints of the discontented. While he will be easy of access, and have a ready "mind and will" for all kindly offices, he will avoid the familiarity that breeds contempt. He will put such an interval between his official visits that the anticipation of them will rouse the slumbering energies of the parish, inciting the Pastor to more than usual zeal and diligence in preaching, both publicly and from house to house, and animating the Laity to greater carefulness for the interests of the Church of God.

And, then, as to the support of the Episcopate: If the efficiency of the office is to be greatly increased in the older states, it must be through arrangements which will leave to a Diocese full freedom to select the best man for its peculiar wants, and to a Bishop full opportunity to devote all his time and energies to the duties proper to his office. Neither of these conditions can be so well attained as when this support is furnished by the Diocese at large, as contradistinguished from any particular parish, on the one hand, and from private sources on the other. If it be a condition of his election that he hold the cure of a large and wealthy parish as the means of

his support, then the exigencies or tastes of that parish, rather than the wants of the Diocese, will have to be consulted, not only in his selection, but also in the disposal of his time and strength. On the same principle he should be the stipendiary of no one portion of his flock to the neglect or exclusion of the rest. If, on the other hand, he is to be sustained out of his own private property, not only will his sense of accountability to his Diocese be impaired, but the preference given to him over other candidates for the office, will run the chance of being governed by the very last consideration which ought to rule in a question touching so closely the dearest interests of Christ's church. There is no danger that wealth shall not be held in sufficiently high estimation in this country, and in our branch of the Christian world. It will bode only evil if it shall ever come to be considered as a necessary qualification for the highest office and honors of a Diocese. Disqualification it surely ought not to be. But all the church's ministers will, as it seems to me, best serve and most honor her when they are examples and patterns of simplicity and frugality in all their habits; and such they can hardly be expected to be if they are preferred before others mainly on the ground of personal affluence.

These few suggestions may render it evident why the Bishops desired to engraft on the Constitution some security that, in the creation of new Dioceses, there should be at least the promise that they shall, at no distant day, be self-supporting as it respects both a certain number of parishes and the Episcopal office. In establishing parishes we consider this a wise provision. Can it be less wise in the formation of new Dioceses out of those now existing?

In our anxious desire to promote the growth and efficiency of our communion, we are apt to anticipate too much from some one untried expedient, instead of laboring to develop all its means of action. Among the fondest visions with which I contemplate the future is the hope that, should a few years more of active labor be vouchsafed to me, they may be subsidiary to a twofold, threefold, or even fourfold division of this Diocese. But a somewhat careful examination of the statistics of our American Church for twenty or thirty years past admonishes me not to expect from such a measure any great and sudden enlargement of our numbers or our capacity for usefulness. The only State in which this course has been taken does not exhibit

during the last twenty years much greater collective growth by our church, in the ratio of the growth of population, than has taken place during the same period in Pennsylvania. The new Diocese set off has enjoyed the active oversight of a Bishop surpassed by few in qualities which illustrate and recommend the Episcopal office, or give effect to Episcopal supervision ; and yet, if we are to judge from the increase of the clergy, we should infer that its progress during the last twelve years, had been behind that of a majority of eastern Dioceses. And when we compare the whole of New York with the whole of Virginia, or of Connecticut, where the policy of Assistant Bishops has prevailed, we find that when the rate at which population has increased is compared with the increase of our clergy, Virginia, from 1834 to 1854, made progress quite equal to that of New York. I refer to these facts neither to recommend the practice of unnecessarily multiplying Assistant Bishops, which I do not approve, nor to disparage the policy of dividing Dioceses, but to indicate that there are other causes, more powerful than a mere increase of the Episcopate, which affect the progress and prosperity of our church. In some states, from the peculiar character of the immigrant population, or from the prevalence of emigration, or from the force of hereditary antipathies, that degree of advancement is impossible, even with the best appliances, which, elsewhere, is accomplished easily. In Pennsylvania, all these causes combine to cripple our exertions, and nothing can overcome them but the earnest co-operation of all orders of clergy and people. That an increase of Episcopal force is expedient and all but necessary, I have already avowed as my conviction ; but experience proves that it does not necessarily produce a corresponding increase in the number and efficiency of the clergy, nor in the zeal and liberality of the laity.—More prayer for an unction from the Holy One—more strenuous effort to glorify God and do good to all men as opportunity offers—more co-operation of laity and clergy in making aggressions on the kingdom of darkness and debasement immediately around them—more special preparation on the part of all and especially on the part of the clergy for the peculiar work which devolves upon us in this age and land—here is the work which it most behooves us to do and to do with our might.

To this work let us address ourselves with one mind and heart.

The grand condition of all beneficent progress, when wrought out through human instruments, is a profound conviction, on the part of those instruments, of their past deficiencies, and a resolute determination, with God's blessing, to amend them. We may well be grateful to the Author of all good for what has been accomplished hitherto in His name, and for His glory. But other feelings than those of self-applause surely become us when we review the past; and if we hope for the fulness of the blessing of the Gospel, other emotions than those of self-confidence should possess our minds as we look forward to the future. If we have great openings and opportunities, so have we great difficulties and discouragements. He who can enable us to remove the one out of the way, if we assail them in a spirit of humble trust in Him, can easily change the other into mere embarrassments and failures, if we move onward in our own strength. May God then fill us more than ever with a sense of our immediate dependence on the succors of His grace. He who is over you in the Lord has little occasion to felicitate himself on the meekness or the trustfulness with which he has toiled at his work. He needs your prayers; he earnestly asks that he may receive them: that for the next decennial period of that work, should he be spared to fulfil it, he may have a double portion of the wisdom, the zeal, and the self-renouncing faith which come only from above. The Clergy, at such a time, may well ask wherein they can be more diligent—more wise in the use of every opportunity—more bold and warm-hearted, and yet more gentle in probing the consciences of all who hear them—more intent, in fine, on every good word and work. And the Laity—has not the time come when we of the Clergy should demand more of their aid in teaching the ignorant, in reclaiming the vicious, in giving personal relief and oversight to the necessitous? Has not the time come when we should admonish them, in all affection, but with all faithfulness—as we have never yet done—that the gold and the silver are the Lord's? And will they not incline their ears and hearts to the word of exhortation? God is crowning, with wonderful success, the enterprises and the industry of many of them. Should not thank-offerings be laid on his altar, bearing some proportion to the munificence of His unmerited gifts? Should we put our trust in uncertain riches when His providence alone can keep us in safety, or fill our hearts with contentment and

gladness? God spared not His own Son when our souls were to be saved and our world redeemed. Should we pass by on the other side when multitudes lie weltering in sin and ignorance, and when a portion of our substance, given in season and with liberal hand, might cause many a scene of spiritual desolation to rejoice and blossom as the rose? "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty." O, that God would put it into the hearts of the Laity of this Diocese to resolve, in His strength, on great things for His honor; that, gathered frequently with their Pastors to implore an outpouring of the Divine presence and benediction, they might bring on another day of Pentecostal grace and Pentecostal bountifulness. If we would have God honor us with the gifts of His Spirit, we must honor Him with the offerings of our liberality. We must give, too, as we have opportunity, not waiting till death shall deprive us of the ability to peril our means on the hazards of trade, or to lavish their yearly income on ostentatious self-gratification. One memorable example of Christian munificence which brooked no delay has been given to us by a communicant of this Diocese, during the last year. In the meridian of life, in the full exercise of all his energies, after but a few years of success, he has turned aside to found a charity which will compare honorably with any of our time for forecast, comprehensiveness and liberality. May there be many among us of like mind. May ministers and people, looking to God, who alone can prosper the work of our hands, but who declares to those who devise liberal things, that by liberal things they shall stand—may Bishops, Clergy and people, in His strength and grace, go forth with brave and indomitable hearts to the work that is given them to do.

Wherefore consider with yourselves the end of the ministry towards ye children of God, towards the Spouse and Body of Christ, and see that ye never cease your labor, your care and diligence, until ye have done all that lieth in you, according to your bounden duty, to bring all such as are or shall be committed to your charge unto that agreement in the faith and knowledge of God, and to that ripeness and perfectness of age in Christ, that there be no place left among you for error in religion or viciousness of life.

ALONZO POTTER.

The Churches consecrated were :

June 23rd, St. Andrew's, Mantua.

August 2nd, Grace Church, Honesdale.

September 24th, St. John's, Lancaster.

November 3rd, Monte Alto Chapel, Franklin county.

December 7th, St. James', Kingessing.

April 19th, St. Stephen's Wilkesbarre.

The Corner-stones laid were :

December 10th, St. Peter's, Trevorton, Northumberland co.

April 7th, St. Mark's, Birmingham, Alleghany co.

September, All Saints', Lower Dublin.

“ Church of the Holy Apostles, Schuylkill co.

The Ordinations were :

To the *Diaconate*, (June 9th,) Charles H. Albert.

June 11th, James W. Robins, and (by Bishop Meade,) J. P. Hutcheson.

August 20th, John C. Eccleston.

October 29th, Fayette Durlin.

December 31st, George Alexander Crooke.

April 11th, R. W. Oliver and George A. Latimer.

To the *Priesthood*—(June 4th,) the Rev. A. Christman.

November 3rd, Rev. Edward H. Kennedy.

December 3rd, Rev. J. P. Huntington and Rev. H. A. Coit.

February 14th, Rev. Edward L. Lycett.

April 11th, Rev. J. C. Eccleston.

CONFIRMATIONS.

Alleghany County.—Pittsburgh, Church of the Epiphany, 17; St. Paul's, 6; St. James', 18; St. Andrew's, 10; St. Peter's, 17; Trinity Church, 29; Christ Church, Alleghany, 13; St. Luke's, Chartier's Creek, 4; Grace Church, Mount Washington, 9; East Liberty, 2.

Armstrong County.—Trinity Church, Freeport, 4; St. Michael's, Wayne Township, 23; St. Paul's, Kittanning, 23; from the county, 19, and 1 in private.

Beaver County.—Georgetown Church, 2; Christ Church, New Brighton, 4.

Berks County.—St. Gabriel's, Morlatten, at two confirmations, 13; St. Thomas', Morgantown, 1; Christ Church, Reading, 22; Birdsboro', 5.

Bucks County.—Christ Chapel, Oak Grove, 4; St. James', Bristol, 20; Grace Church, Hulmeville, 3; St. Luke's, Newton, 1; St. Paul's, Doylestown, 2.

Butler County.—Christ Church, Butler, (1 in private,) 11.

Carbon County.—St. Mark's, Mauch Chunk, 1.

Centre County.—St. John's, Bellefonte, 4; Trinity Church, Philipsburg, 2.

Chester County.—St. John's, New London, 2; St. John's, Pequea, 3; St. Andrew's, West Vincent, 3; St. Peter's, Phoenixville, 12; St. James', Downingtown, 2; Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester, 2.

Clearfield County.—St. Andrew's, Clearfield, 1.

Cumberland County.—St. John's, Carlisle, 12.

Dauphin County.—St. Stephen's, Harrisburg, 5.

Delaware County.—St. Paul's, Chester, (2 confirmations) 9; St. John's, Concord, 3; Calvary Church, Rockdale, 3; St. David's, Radnor, 4; St. Martin's, Marcus Hook, 26.

Erie County.—St. Paul's, Erie, 4.

Fayette County.—Christ Church, Brownsville, 4; St. Peter's, Uniontown, 3; Trinity Church, Connelville, 1.

Franklin County.—Monte Alto Chapel, 2.

Huntingdon County.—St. John's, Huntingdon, (2 confirmations) 4.

Lancaster County.—Christ Church, Leacock, 10; All Saints', Paradise, 5; St. James', Lancaster, 19.

Lawrence County.—Trinity Church, New Castle, 10.

Luzerne County.—St. Luke's, Scranton, 4; St. Stephen's, Wilkesbarre, 10.

Lycoming County.—St. James', Muncy, 9; Christ Church, Williamsport, 4.

Mifflin County.—St. Mark's, Lewistown, 3.

Montgomery County.—St. Thomas', Whitmarsh, 18; St. John's Evansburg, 4; Church of the Redeemer, Lower Merion, 2; Christ Church, Pottstown, 2.

Montour County.—Christ Church, Danville, (1 in private) 6.

Northampton County.—Trinity Church, Easton, 2.

Northumberland County.—St. Mark's, Northumberland, 3; St. Matthew's, Sunbury, 2; St. Peter's, Trevorton, 6.

Philadelphia.—St. Peter's (two in private and two others from Trinity Church) 44; St. Matthew's, Francisville, (two Confirmations) 12; All Saint's, (two Confirmations) 23; St. Philip's, 32; Church of the Mediator, 6; Trinity Church, 15; Church of the Evangelists, (two from other churches) 21; St. Luke's, Germantown, 6; Church of the Atonement, 16; Church of St. James the Less, 11; Church of the Redeemer (one in private) 7; Zion Church, 1; Church of the Messiah, Richmond, 8; Emmanuel Church, Holmesburg, 4; Christ Church (two Confirmations), 28; Gloria Dei Church (two in private), 20; St. Thomas (African), 6; St. Mark's, Frankford (two Confirmations), 40; Market St. Mission (two Confirmations), 20; St. Stephen's, 20; Church of the Ascension, 10; St. Mark's (two Confirmations), 24; Church of the Redemption, 13; St. Andrew's, Mantua, 1; Advent Church, 19; Church of the Epiphany (two Confirmations), 47; Calvary Church, 15; St. James', 11; St. Paul's, 18; Christ Church, Germantown, 17; St. David's, Manayunk, 16; St. Andrew's, 28; Church of the Nativity (one in private, and one from Advent Church), 30; Emmanuel Church, Kensington, 16; St. Luke's (two Confirmations), 45; St. John's, Northern Liberties, 11; Grace Church, 30; St. Mary's, 11; St. Jude's, 17; St. James', Kingessing, 14.

Schuylkill county.—Trinity Church, Pottsville, 19; St. James', Schuylkill Haven, 6; St. Paul's, Minersville, 8; Calvary Church, Tamaqua, 6.

Susquehanna County.—St. Andrew's, Springville, 1; St. Paul's, Montrose, 3; St. Mark's, New Milford, 1.

Washington County.—Trinity Church, Washington, 5.

Westmoreland County.—Christ Church, Greensburg, 7.

York County.—St. John's, 13.

The following report was then presented and adopted :

The Committee on Claims of Clergymen to Seats beg leave to report that in their opinion the Rev. Mr. George P. Hopkins is entitled to a seat in this Convention, and unanimously recommend that he be admitted thereto.

H. H. BEAN,
M. LIGHTNER,
N. E. CORNWALL.

The Rev. Mr. Hopkins appeared and took his seat.

The Rev. Dr. Howe, Chairman of the Committee "on the change of names of churches," (vide. Jour. '55 p. 53,) made the following report, which was adopted :

The Committee to whom was referred by the last Convention, the question, whether any changes in the names of churches are rendered necessary or expedient, by the extension of the limits of the city, beg leave respectfully to report, that they have had the matter entrusted to them under consideration, and that in their judgment no changes of the kind are rendered either necessary or expedient by the Act of Consolidation. It is true that there are now within the bounds of the incorporated city, several cases in which two or more churches of our communion have names, which as used in common parlance appear to be the same; but it is believed that in no instance have two churches the same *corporate* name. Each in its character is designated by the city, district, or borough in which, according to the old nomenclature, it is located. Trinity church, Southwark, and Trinity church, Oxford, are in no more danger of being confounded hereafter than they have been heretofore, if one or both of these be called by the title conferred in the charter.

Great inconvenience and trouble, if not legal difficulties would be likely to result, from any attempt to alter the names of established Parish churches. In the tenure of their corporate property, their original names are of course employed, and again in all the conveyances and transfers of pews, tombs, and other individual rights, the same titles have been used. It is obvious that if these were altered in ever so trifling a particular, perplexity and confusion, and perhaps litigation, would in many cases be the issue.

Moreover, there are associations clustering around the various parish churches and every thing which belongs to them, year by year, which are

too precious and sacred to be lightly dealt with. Not only the church but the name of the church in which we have worshipped ever since our childhood, or in which the most solemn and memorable rites of our Holy religion have been ministered to us, becomes dear to the heart, and we would not have every thing about it made strange to the eye or the ear. The conservative influence of our institutions is such that as members of the Episcopal church, we are more tenacious of all things linked with our habits of worship than men of other religious bodies, and they become so enwoven with our devotional feeling and enjoyment, that we cannot unsettle the one without disturbing the other. In respect to this spirit, characteristic of our people, the Houses where we and our Fathers have worshipped, should be permitted to retain their accustomed names, unless there be a paramount reason for changing them.

Again, some consideration is due to the question, what names should be adopted, if any of our churches were constrained to abandon those good old-fashioned church-like titles, which because they are so eligible have become the choice of more than one congregation. Your Committee apprehend that if any Trinity church, Christ church, St. John's, St. Paul's, St. Luke's, St. Peter's or St. Mark's, were made to renounce its name, it might be driven to adopt one of those modern cognomens which may be advocated perhaps on the pretext of necessity, or fancy, but assuredly, we submit, not on the plea of good taste. Indeed, may it not admit of a question whether the reverence of our people for the most sublime and solemn events in the history of our redemption is not liable to be impaired, by the frequent thoughtlessness of such words as "Incarnation, Annunciation, Transfiguration, Crucifixion and Resurrection, for no other purpose than to designate a building whither they propose to go? We must be permitted to express the opinion that any measure which would operate to the increase of such names in the use of our parish churches—alike inconvenient for their length, and awfully mysterious in their import, is not to be entered upon without the gravest and most imperative necessity.

And finally, we beg to suggest that the retention of their full corporate names, by all existing parishes in the consolidated city, will prove in future ages, when its now open fields shall be built over with the abodes of men, a most pleasing memento of the past. Although that which was once the county, is now the city of Philadelphia, and the names of the several late municipalities whereof it is composed have no longer any legal existence, yet convenience and association both require their continued use. And it will be as agreeable to the living, as it will commemorative to the coming generations, to have all these names perpetuated in connection with the sacred places in the several districts which they repre-

sent. Precedent, moreover, is all in favor of the course which we recommend. In the now city of London, which has absorbed in its extension through many centuries one after another the smaller municipalities by which it was once surrounded, the ancient names of corporations are still retained—and the churches of St. Stephen, Wall-brooke, St. George's Bloomsburg, St. Martin's in the Fields, St. Paul's, Covent Garden,—and St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, and St. Barnabas, Pimlico, of later celebrity, are familiar titles in the ears of American churchmen. Already in the neighboring city of New York, though Chelsea and Bloomingdale have no longer an independent corporate existence, yet St. Peter's, Chelsea, and St. Michael's, Bloomingdale, are known as churches by these their original titles. Let us then abide by the names with which we are familiar and thus forefend confusion and difficulty,—avoid transgression of hallowed associations,—protect the churches from any supposed necessity to adopt novel and unseemly titles—retain these pleasing memorials of past civil boundaries, and follow the rule of precedent which has obtained under similar circumstances in our own and in our father land.

Your Committee recommend the adoption by this Convention of the following resolution :

Resolved, That in the judgment of this Convention, no change is rendered necessary or expedient in the corporate names of churches in this city, by the recent Act of Consolidation.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. DEWOLFE HOWE,
FRANCIS WHARTON,
M. RUSSELL THAYER.

Rev. Dr. Hare moved that the Rev. Mr. Dupuy be admitted to a seat in Convention.

Dr. Stevens moved its reference to the Committee on Claims of Clergymen to seats, which was carried.

On motion, adjourned.

WM. BACON STEVENS, *Secretary*.

Wednesday, 5 o'clock, P. M.

Convention called to order.

Minutes of the morning Convention were read and approved.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Tyng, the order of the day

requiring the Elections to be held at this time was suspended and the Elections passed over.

The Report of the Standing Committee was then read by the Secretary, as follows :

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, present to the Convention, the following abstract of their proceedings during the past year.

They organized on the 23rd of May, 1854, by the election of the Rev. Dr. Morton, as President, and Mr. E. C. Biddle, as Secretary.

They have signed the required canonical papers on behalf of the Rev. Henry W. Lee, D. D., Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Iowa : of the Rev. Thomas March Clark, D. D., Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Rhode Island : of the Rev. Horatio Potter, D. D., Provisional Bishop-elect of the Diocese of New York : and the canonical papers giving their assent to the election of the Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D., as Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Wisconsin.

During the year they have signed testimonials recommending the admission of Henry McKay, A. M. Seip Anderson, M. Wiley, Charles R. Bonnell, Robert W. Oliver, A. M., Robert C. Matlack, Albra Wadleigh, Jr., A. B., and Isaac W. Gougler, as candidates for Holy Orders;—of

Charles Halbott, A. M., James Wiltbank Robins, A. M., J. Theodore Hutcheson, John C. Eccleston, A. M., M. D., Fayette Durlin, George Alexander Crooke, A. M., George A. Latimer, Robert W. Oliver, John William Claxton and John B. Henry, for admission to the Holy Order of Deacons ;—and of

Revs. Edward H. Kennedy, John T. Huntingdon, Henry A. Coit, Edward L. Lycett, John C. Eccleston and Cyrus F. Knight, for admission to the Holy Order of Priests.

The Committee at their meeting on the 23rd of May, 1854, gave their assent that the Church of St. James the Less, should mortgage certain of their property, to secure the repayment of any sum loaned them, to discharge debts and liabilities incurred in the building of a parsonage and hall edifice : on the 11th of October gave their assent to the corporation of St. James' Church, Kingessing, mortgaging property other than the Church building and lot, to secure the repayment of the sum of \$1500 borrowed to improve the Church building : and on the 8th of May, 1855, to the corporation of Christ Church, Williamsport, to mortgage their parsonage house and lot, to secure the repayment of the sum of \$1200 about to be borrowed to pay the cost of erecting the parsonage.

The Committee elected Mr. Franklin Bacon, Treasurer of the Conven-

tion Fund, in place of Mr. James M. Aertsen, who was elected by the Convention, but declined to accept the appointment: they also elected Mr. Samuel Welsh, a Trustee of the Clergy Daughters' Fund, in place of Mr. George W. Aspinwall, deceased.

The Secretary of the Committee has received and placed on file in accordance with Canon IX. of 1853, §4, the assent of the Rev. George A. Durborow, the Rev. Kingston Goddard and the Rev. Dudley A. Tyng, to the organization of a new parish near the North-east corner of Market and 21st streets, under the pastoral charge of the Rev. E. DeWolfe, Missionary: and also the assent of the Rev. W. Suddards and the Rev. Kingston Goddard, to the organization of the parish of St. Clements in the 10th ward of the city of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Records have made the following additions to their collections during the present Conventional year, viz:

1. Convention Journals for 1854,
2. Journals of the Conventions of other Dioceses, (bound in 2 vols.) each, 1 copy
3. Duplicates of some of the above, (unbound,) viz:

Vermont,	1 "
Massachusetts,	2 "
Rhode Island,	2 "
Connecticut,	2 "
New York,	2 "
Western New York,	1 "
Delaware,	1 "
Maryland,	1 "
South Carolina,	1 "
Georgia,	1 "
Kentucky,	1 "
Mississippi,	1 "
4. Proceedings of the 1st Annual Meeting of the Diocesan Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Pennsylvania, 1 "
5. The 28th Annual Report of the General Protestant Episcopal S. S. Union, 1 "

On the 3rd of April, 1855, Mr. Edward C. Biddle resigned from the Committee; the vacancy thus occurring the Committee has not supplied; nor have they permanently appointed a Secretary in his room.

EDWARD OLMSTED, *Secretary p. t.*

Philadelphia, May 16th, 1855.

The Standing Committee herewith present the accounts of the Treas-

urers of the Episcopal and Convention Funds respectively, duly audited and approved.

They report that Hope Church, Mount Hope, Lancaster county, has for three years made no report, nor has any missionary report been made in its behalf.

They present the articles of association of St. Clement's Church, in the city of Philadelphia; of Calvary Church, East Liberty, Alleghany county; of St. Matthew's Church, Etna, Alleghany county; and the charter of St. Peter's Church, Pittsburgh; with the information that they do not approve of the articles of association of Calvary Church and St. Matthew's, because they are not authenticated by the signatures of the associators.

They also withhold their approval from the charter of St. Peter's Church, Pittsburgh, because of its many variations from the prescribed form and the general usage of the church.

They approve of articles of association of St. Clement's Church, Philadelphia, herewith submitted.

EDWARD OLMSTED, *Secretary p. t.*

Philadelphia, May 16th, 1855.

On motion, the Charters laid before Convention were referred to the Committee on Charters.

The report of the Treasurer of the Convention Fund and the Episcopal Fund, were laid on the table.

Dr. Hare presented the following

REPORT:

May 4th, 1855.

The Committee to whom was referred the 4th Revised Regulation, respectfully recommend to the Convention to strike out from the Regulation, all that intervenes between "names" in the fifth line, and "churches" in the seventh line; and to substitute for the words stricken out, as follows: "of the parishes shall be called over at each Convention for the purpose of ascertaining from the lay deputations, to what sums such collections have amounted in their respective."

In other words, the Committee recommend to the Convention the following resolution:

Resolved, That hereafter the Fourth Revised Regulation shall be as follows:

It is enjoined on every settled clergyman within the Diocese, to have a collection made in his church, in each year, in aid of the Convention Fund: at which time a statement shall be made, explaining the objects

to which the fund is applied. The names of the parishes shall be called over at each Convention, for the purpose of ascertaining from the lay deputations, to what sums such collections have amounted in their respective Churches; and mileage shall not be allowed to any clergyman attending the Convention, unless a collection for the said purpose has been made in his church since the preceding Convention.

The money so collected shall be applied to the payment of expenses incurred or authorized by the Convention.

G. EMLÉN HARE,
H. W. DUCACHET, } *Committee.*
JAMES S. SMITH,

And after reading it gave the required notice of his intention to move to-morrow the abolishment of the present fourth Revised Regulation, and that the above be adopted as a substitute.

The Committee on Claims of Clergymen, &c., made a report, in part, on the case of the Rev. Mr. Dupuy, which, on motion, was recommitted for the purpose of attaining a further statement of the facts in the case.

Rev. Dr. Howe offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be, and they are hereby respectfully presented to the Rev. Dr. Bowman, for the very excellent and suggestive sermon delivered by him this morning.

Resolved, That a copy be requested for publication.

Rev. Mr. Wilmer, from the Committee on the Increase of Ministers' Salaries, made the following

REPORT:

The committee appointed under the resolution of the last Convention, to devise and report measures for increasing the pecuniary support of the clergy, having been requested to continue their deliberations, beg leave to submit the following report:

Your committee held their first meeting immediately after the adjournment of the Convention, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop in the chair, and resolved to prepare a circular to be addressed to the vestry of each parish in the Diocese. In this circular was proposed a series of questions designed to elicit satisfactory information of the condition of each parish, of the ability and disposition of the congregation to increase the annual stipend of the minister, and contribute to the Minister's Fund of the Diocese. Accompanying this circular, was a Pastoral Address from our Rt. Rev. Bishop,

earnestly entreating the attention of the Church to the movement, and expressing his interest in its success.

The following is a copy of the Document :

"The undersigned begs leave to call attention to the following Circular Letter emanating from the Committee appointed at the late Convention of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, to consider and report what measures ought to be taken to increase the support of the Clergy. The Resolutions which they reported and which were embodied in my late Pastoral Letter were adopted by the Convention, and the Committee was continued in order to co-operate with the Bishop in carrying them into effect. In obedience to their instructions they now, as the organ of the Convention, address the accompanying appeal and questions to the several Vestries of the Diocese ; and I sincerely hope that their communication will be received in the friendly spirit which prompts it, and that it will be answered at your earliest convenience.

ALONZO POTTER.

PHILADELPHIA, July 8th, 1854.

DEAR BRETHREN,—

At the last meeting of our State Convention the following resolution was unanimously adopted :—*Resolved*, As the sense of this Convention, that the fixed salary of a Missionary or Rector of a rural parish or station in this Diocese, if a single man, ought in no case to be less than \$500, and if married, not less than \$750 per annum.

Resolutions were also adopted, charging us with the duty of presenting the subject of the inadequate support of the Clergy to the several congregations of this Diocese. We enter upon the discharge of this duty cheerfully ; for although we know the evil complained of is very great, and most injurious to the spread and vigorous growth of our Church in this Diocese, yet we confidently trust that a proper presentation of the subject will lead to the entire removal of the evil, or very materially lessen it.

An inadequate support can only procure an inefficient ministry, or must eventually cause it to degenerate, owing to the depressing influence of poverty, dependence, or secular employment : therefore the people are the chief sufferers, as an inadequate provision for the spiritual wants of a people is much more serious in its consequences than the sufferings of a minister.

The general prosperity of this State, with the rapid development of its permanent sources of wealth, fastens upon its citizens the responsibility of making a liberal provision for their spiritual wants and those of their neighborhood.

As a parish can rarely reach a high degree of permanent prosperity

unless it is independent, we feel bound to urge upon each Vestry the importance of making the most vigorous efforts to make their church self-supporting at the earliest possible time. We commend to your notice the case of one parish that was about settling into dependence upon a Missionary Society, when by active personal effort pews were rented to well-disposed persons in the neighborhood to such an extent as to give its minister a comfortable support.

This or a similar course will certainly be pursued wherever the advantage or even the dignity of independence is fully appreciated.

If a neighboring parish can be united with one too feeble to give promise of independence, will it not be wiser to make such an arrangement, thus securing half the time of an efficient minister, with lay reading in the interim, than to contend against the deadening influence of relying permanently upon aid from abroad?

We ask your cordial co-operation in this great work. To enable us to fulfil our duty intelligently and efficiently, favor us with an early answer to the following questions with any suggestions that will be useful to us.

Please address your reply to Bishop Potter, Philadelphia.

1st. What salary do you pay to your minister? How is the money obtained—from pew rents, subscriptions, or endowments? Does it include a parsonage or glebe; and has your minister the charge of any other church or station from which he receives a salary?

2d. If your parish does not pay even the lowest named salary, how far can you aid in complying with the recommendation of the Convention by increasing the contribution to your minister this year, and what is the prospect of an annual increase?

3d. If you pay the minimum salary or more, do you contemplate any increase, and how much money can you raise to aid the feebler parishes by contributing to Missions in this Diocese, through a Society, or by direct contributions to the salaries of clergymen in specific stations?"

To these communications we regret to add that answers have been received from only sixteen parishes. Your committee has thus been deprived of the materials on which was placed great reliance to give value and interest to this report. From a careful examination of letters which have been received, the committee are encouraged to believe that the action of the Convention has not been without a salutary effect. In a number of cases the promised salary for the present year is increased. In others, efforts are in progress for erecting parsonages and otherwise providing for the more comfortable accommodation of the minister. A few have cause to deplore the feeble and languishing condition of the church, arising chiefly, we are safe in adding, exclusively from the unsettled and migratory condition of the people. In no instance is any other cause as-

signed for the absence of growth and prosperity ; a fact which is not without encouragement. For the loss to one part of the church carries an accession of strength to another, new parishes are multiplied and the church in Pennsylvania is reproducing itself in the distant West.

The Committee, anxious to leave nothing undone to carry into effect the wishes of the Convention, have also communicated with the Trustees of the Advancement Society, also with the Diocesan Missionary Society, asking for their aid and co-operation in obtaining a more adequate support for the Missionaries in their employment. The communication has not been unheeded ; at the last meeting of the Board of the Advancement Society, active measures were adopted to increase its resources. Provision was also made for a Committee of the Board to visit each Missionary station of the Society, to ascertain the resources of the Parish, and, so far as possible, to aid in the benevolent and pious work to which the Diocese is pledged by its late action in Convention.

From the Diocesan Missionary Society, no responsive action has been formally announced ; but every assurance is given of the earnest desire to co-operate in this effort.

Your Committee cannot conclude this report without calling the attention of the Convention to the fact of the Diocesan system, which in their judgment affords the healthful condition of the Church, as far as that depends on the proper maintenance of the Clergy. Reference is made to the fact, that the duty of reporting to the Convention the condition of each parish is left altogether to the Clergy. From the Parish itself no report is required, and nothing like personal responsibility, collective or individual, is exacted of its members to the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese. Is this right, while each Presbyter and Deacon is held to a rigid accountability to furnish an annual statement of his labors among the people of his charge ? The Parishioners are relieved from all obligations to inform the Church of the manner in which they have discharged their obligations to their pastor. Even the payment of their stipulated dues to the Clergy and to the Convention fund, is devolved on the Clergyman to make public—not unfrequently at the peril of detaching himself from a delinquent parish, provoking their displeasure and resentment. Unless the Convention can furnish some reason for a law so partial in its action, and so prejudicial in its consequences, your Committee are inclined to pronounce it an absolute wrong. Each parish is entitled to a fair and liberal representation in the Convention. Why abandon to the Clergyman all the responsibility of committing to record the results of his labor ; reserving to themselves the privilege of an obstinate silence, or indolent reserve, as though the Church were properly divided into two classes—the one chosen to assume all the obligation and

to perform all the work, and the other to sit in silent judgment on their labors. The natural result of this concealment is witnessed in the continual defalcation of many parishes in the payment of the minister's salary, which finds no record in the Journal, the minister consenting to suffer in silence rather than to expose the delinquency of his parish. The claim of a Christian Minister for honorable maintenance, is not of the nature of a civil suit. It cannot, without desecration, be embodied in a form for prosecution in a civil court. The greater necessity exists that everything should be done to increase the stringency of the obligation. No plan more effectual and more easy of attainment suggests itself to your Committee than the one here proposed, to make it the duty of each vestry to report annually to the Convention; or in case of failure, to the Bishop of the Diocese at his Episcopal Ministrations, the faithful discharge of the stipulated obligation to their minister and the fulfilment of the Apostolic injunction,

"Let him that is taught in the Word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things, unto him that lacketh in all good things."

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. DUCACHET,
J. P. B. WILMER,
J. C. CRESSON,
WM. WELSH,

Committee.

Philadelphia, May 16, 1855.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Ducachet, it was ordered that the Committee on the above be continued.

The Rev. Mr. Spackman offered the following:

Resolved, That the vestry of each parish be required to report to the Annual Convention, the discharge of the stipulated obligations to the minister, or in case of failure, the amount of delinquency.

On motion, adjourned.

WM. BACON STEVENS, *Secretary*.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, }
Thursday Morning, May 17th, 1855. }

Convention was called to order and opened with prayer by the Bishop.

On motion, the calling of the roll was dispensed with. The minutes of the proceedings of yesterday P. M., were read and approved.

The Committee on the Claims of Clergy to seats, &c., made the following report :

The Committee on the Claims of Clergymen to seats in this Convention, beg leave to report : that while it appears from the Journals that Rev. Mr. Dupuy has not held a seat in this Convention since the present Constitution was adopted ; it also appears that Mr. Dupuy has, from that time been in infirm health, which has disabled him from taking charge and performing the regular active duties of a parish ; and that he has once been entitled to a seat in the Convention ; and therefore, the Committee recommend that Mr. Dupuy be admitted to a seat in this Convention under the 3rd *proviso* of the 4th Article of the Constitution.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. BEAN,
M. C. LIGHTNER,
N. E. CORNWALL.

The reports of the Treasurer of the Fund for Disabled Clergymen, and of the Trustees of the Christmas Fund, were laid on the Secretary's table.

On motion, it being near 11 o'clock, the Convention took a recess until after Divine Service.

This being the festival of the Ascension, Divine Service was celebrated. The morning prayer was read by the Rev. N. E. Cornwall and the Rev. E. M. VanDeusen. The Bishop then delivered a charge, after which he conferred the Diaconate on John B. Henry, the Bishop of Indiana and the Rev. Messrs. VanDeusen and Cornwall assisting in the Holy Communion.

Thursday, 5 P. M.

Convention re-assembled. The recommendation of the Committee on Claims of Clergymen to Seats was adopted. The name of Rev. Mr. Dupuy was called, and he answered and took his seat.

On motion, the order of business, marked No. 1, 3d

day, in the schedule of business (vide page 19), was suspended.

The call of names required by the Fourth Revised Regulation, was made, and the following Clergy by themselves or through their Lay deputies declared that they had complied with the same.

Rev. H. B. Bartow,	Rev. Milton C. Lightner,
" Henry H. Bean,	" E. Lounsberry,
" Frederick W. Beasley,	" E. L. Lycett,
" Archibald Beatty,	" T. B. Lyman,
" Samuel Bowman, D. D.	" John Gordon Maxwell,
" Edward Y. Buchanan,	" Edward Mendenhall,
" De Witt Clinton Byllesby,	" G. D. Miles,
" Samuel A. Clark,	" Daniel S. Miller,
" Jehu C. Clay, D. D.	" George Mintzer,
" John Coleman, D. D.	" Wm. White Montgomery,
" Charles D. Cooper,	" B. Wistar Morris,
" Wm. H. Cooper,	" Jacob B. Morss,
" Nathaniel E. Cornwall,	" Henry J. Merton, D. D.
" Thomas Crumpton,	" G. W. Natt,
" B. Dorr, D. D.	" Richard Newton, D. D.
" Jacob M. Douglass,	" Wm. H. Odenheimer,
" Benjamin J. Douglass,	" Frederick Ogilby,
" George C. Drake,	" George Lewis Platt,
" Richard B. Duane,	" A. Prior,
" Henry W. Ducachet, D. D.	" Samuel Randall,
" George A. Durborow,	" J. Rodney,
" Samuel Durborow,	" Joel Rudderow,
" George G. Field,	" T. Rumney,
" B. Franklin,	" Peter Russell,
" John G. Furey,	" J. Brinton Smith,
" Kingston Goddard,	" Richard Smith,
" G. Emlen Hare, D. D.	" Nathan Stem,
" William J. Hilton,	" Wm. Bacon Stevens, D. D.
" Marmaduke Hirst,	" Joseph A. Stone,
" M. A. DeWolfe Howe, D. D.	" William Suddards,
" B. Killikelly,	" A. Ten Broeck,
" George Kirke,	" C. West Thomson,
" Edmund Leaf,	" D. A. Tyng,

Rev. Daniel Washburn,
 " W. E. Webb,
 " W. White,
 " H. T. Wilcoxon,

Rev. F. S. Wiley,
 " J. P. B. Wilmer,
 " J. A. Woodward,
 " E. P. Wright.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Lightner, the resolution offered by him at the last Convention, to wit :

Resolved, That the Constitution of this Diocese be altered as follows :

In the 4th article (line 17, p. 10, ed. 1851,) after the words "United States," and before the words "shall be," insert or otherwise employed in the work of the ministry according to the order of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and with the sanction of the Ecclesiastical authority."

And which was by the Constitution laid over for final approval to this Convention, was taken up and passed by the following vote by orders :

AYES.

Rev. Thomas G. Allen,
 " Henry H. Bean,
 " Frederick W. Beasley,
 " Archibald Beatty,
 " Samuel Bowman, D. D.,
 " Henry Brown,
 " Levi Bull, D. D.
 " John A. Childs,
 " Jehu C. Clay, D. D.,
 " John Coleman, D. D.,
 " William C. Cooley,
 " William H. Cooper,
 " Thomas Crumpton,
 " Erastus De Wolf,
 " Jacob M. Douglass,
 " George C. Drake,
 " Richard B. Duane,
 " George A. Durborow,
 " Samuel Durborow,
 " Joseph J. Elsegood,
 " Bess C. Evans,
 " George G. Field,
 " B. Franklin,

Rev. John G. Furey,
 " Kingston Goddard,
 " Anson B. Hard,
 " G. Emlen Hare, D. D.,
 " William J. Hilton,
 " Marmaduke Hirst,
 " M. A. DeWolfe Howe, D. D.
 " Daniel Kendig,
 " Brian B. Killikelly,
 " Edmund Leaf,
 " Milton C. Lightner,
 " Edward L. Lycett,
 " Milo Mahan,
 " Edward Mendenhall,
 " G. D. Miles,
 " Daniel S. Miller,
 " George Mintzer,
 " William W. Montgomery,
 " Jacob B. Morss,
 " Henry J. Morton, D. D.,
 " Richard Newton, D. D.,
 " Frederick Ogilby,
 " Azariah Prior,

AYES.

Rev. Samuel Randall,	Rev. C. West Thomson,
" John Rodney,	" Richard S. Trapier,
" Joshua M. Rodgers,	" D. A. Tyng,
" Joel Rudderow,	" Peter Van Pelt,
" Peter Russell,	" John A. Vaughan, D. D.
" T. S. Rumney,	" Daniel Washburn,
" J. Brinton Smith,	" William White,
" Henry S. Spackman,	" J. P. B. Wilmer,
" Nathan Stem,	" H. T. Wilcoxon,
" Wm. Bacon Stevens, D. D.,	" T. W. Winchester,
" Joseph A. Stone,	" James A. Woodward,
" William Suddards,	" E. P. Wright,
" Anthony Ten Broeck,	" Thomas C. Yarnall.

NAYS.

Rev. Addison B. Atkins,	Rev. H. W. Ducachet, D. D.
" Samuel A. Clark,	" Norris M. Jones,
" Charles D. Cooper,	" George Kirke,
" Nathaniel E. Cornwall,	" Edward Lounsberry,
" Benjamin Dorr, D. D.,	" George L. Platt,
" Benjamin J. Douglass.	" Richard Smith.

LAITY.

AYES.

Trinity Church,	Pittsburgh,
St. Andrew's,	Pittsburgh,
Christ Church,	Alleghany City,
St. Gabriel's,	Morlattan,
Christ Church,	Reading,
Christ Church,	Towanda,
St. Luke's,	Newton
Grace,	Humeville,
Trinity,	Centreville,
St. Mark's,	Mauch Chunk,
St. John's,	New London Township,
St. Mary's,	Warwick Township,
St. John's,	Pequea,
St. Paul's,	Bloomsburg,
St. Stephen's,	Harrisburg,
St. Paul's,	Chester,

AYES.

St. Martin's,
 St. John's,
 St. James',
 All Saint's,
 St. Paul's,
 St. Stephen's,
 Christ Church,
 St. Mark's,
 St. James',
 Church of the Redeemer,
 St. Matthew's,
 Christ Church,
 St. Paul's,
 St. James',
 St. Andrew's,
 Church of the Atonement,
 St. Mark's,
 St. John's,
 St. Matthew's,
 Church of the Redemption,
 Emmanuel,
 Church of the Messiah,
 Zion church,
 Trinity church,
 Church of the Evangelists,
 Gloria Dei,
 All Saints',
 St. James the Less,
 All Saints',
 St. Mark's,
 St. James',
 Church of our Saviour,
 Trinity,
 St. James',
 Calvary,
 Grace,
 St. John's,
 St. Peter's Church,
 St. John's,

Marcus Hook,
 Concord Township,
 Lancaster,
 Paradise,
 Columbia,
 Wilkesbarre,
 Williamsport,
 Lewistown,
 Perkiomen Township,
 Lower Merion,
 Sunbury,
 Philadelphia,
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 Northern Liberties,
 Francisville,
 Spring Garden,
 Kensington,
 Port Richmond,
 South Penn Township,
 Southwark,
 "
 "
 Moyamensing,
 North Penn Township,
 Lower Dublin Township,
 Frankford,
 Kingessing,
 Moyamensing,
 Pottsville,
 Schuylkill Haven,
 Tamaqua,
 Honesdale,
 York,
 Great Valley,
 Lancaster.

WAYS

St. John's,	Norristown,
Christ Church,	Pottstown,
St. Peter's,	Philadelphia,
Church of the Epiphany,	"
St. Luke's,	"
Church of the Mediator,	"
Advent,	Norther Liberties,
St. Philip's,	Spring Garden,
Church of the Nativity,	"
St. Jude's,	"
St. David's,	Manayunk,
Church of the Resurrection,	Rising Sun,
Trinity,	Oxford Township.

DIVIDED.

St. Stephen's Church,	Philadelphia,
St. Luke's,	Germantown.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Lightner,

Resolved, That the 6th Canon of this Diocese be altered as follows :
(vide Journal, 1854, p. 64.)

In the last line of page 23, ed. 1851, immediately after the words "some parish in the Diocese" insert "or is otherwise employed in the work of the ministry according to the order of the Protestant Episcopal Church and with the sanction of the ecclesiastical authority."

The Rev. Dr. Hare called up the substitute offered by him yesterday for the present 4th Revised Regulation, and moved its adoption, which was agreed to.

The Committee on unfinished business made the following report :

The Committee on unfinished business respectfully report, that they find the following on the pages of the last Journal :

1st. On page 56, a resolution referring to one on page 57, of the Journal of 1853, proposing a change in the 2nd clause of the Constitution.

2nd. On the 65th and succeeding pages a proposed manual of Laws and Canons for Church vestries.

3rd. On page 74, a resolution proposing a change in Canon VII.

D. WASHBURN,
DE WITT C. BYLLESBY.

Mr. Wm. Welsh rose to offer a resolution having reference to the subject of the division of the Diocese, or the election of an Assistant Bishop, introduced to the notice of the Convention by the Bishop in his address; when the Bishop, having called to the Chair the Rev. Dr. Bowman, left the chancel.

Mr. George M. Wharton stated that he had prepared a resolution on those points which, when read, Mr. Welsh accepted in lieu of his, and was as follows :

Resolved, That the subject of the future division of the Diocese brought to the notice of the Convention, in the charge of the Bishop delivered this morning, be referred to a Committee of four clergymen and five laymen, to be selected from the eastern and western portions of the Diocese to report thereon after consultation with the Bishop, and also to report on the comparative expediency of electing an Assistant Bishop, should circumstances unfortunately render the latter course legal under the existing Canons of the Church.

Mr. Francis Wharton moved to amend this by striking out "eastern and western" and inserting "various." The amendment being accepted, the resolution as amended was unanimously adopted.

On motion, the Chairman (Dr. Bowman) was requested to appoint the Committee.

The Chair appointed as the Committee—

Rev. Dr. Vaughan,	Mr. Wm. Welsh,
" " Morton,	Judge Fisher,
" T. B. Lyman,	Mr B. H. Russell,
" B. B. Duane,	Judge Hayes,
	" Hepburn.

On motion, the Chairman was added to the Committee.

On motion Rev. Mr. Washburn,

Resolved, That the Committee on amending the second clause of the Constitution, (see page 57 Journal 1854, and page 56 of 1853) be discharged.

On motion, adjourned.

WM. BACON STEVENS, *Secretary*.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, }
Friday Morning, May 18, 1855. }

The Convention was called to order and opened with Prayer by the Bishop.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with. The minutes of Thursday were read and approved.

The names of the following Clergymen entitled to seats under the change of Constitution and Canon made yesterday, were called over, viz :—

Rev. Mr. B. S. Huntington,	Rev. Mr. Bonnar,
“ “ Van Deusen,	“ “ Hildebrandt,
“ “ Christman,	“ “ Robins.

And Messrs. Van Deusen, Bonnar, Christman, Hildebrandt, Robins and Huntington appeared and took their seats.

The Secretary then called the roll of Clergy absent from last Convention; when several answered the call with satisfactory excuses.

Rev. Dr. Ducachet moved that the next Annual Meeting of the Convention be held in St. Andrew's Church, at the time prescribed by the Constitution, (1st Tuesday in May,) at 5 o'clock, P. M.

Also, that 750 copies of the Journal, and 1,000 copies

of the Sermon of Rev. Dr. Bowman, be ordered to be printed.

And that the travelling and other incidental expenses of the Bishop, during his Episcopal visitations for the ensuing year, be paid out of the Convention Fund.

On motion of Mr. J. C. Cresson,

Resolved, That the subject of the publication of a new edition of the Constitution, Canons and Regulations of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Pennsylvania, be referred to a Committee, with authority to take order. If they can do so without expense to the Convention.

The following Committee was appointed :

Judge Stroud,

John C. Cresson.

On motion, Rev. Dr. Hare was added to the Committee.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Ducachet, it was

Resolved, That the sum of \$300 be, and is hereby appropriated towards paying the mileage of Clergymen, members of this Convention, and the Treasurer, is hereby authorized to pay the same *pro rata* according to their actual expenses.

Rev. Mr. Franklin offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Wardens, or a Committee of the Vestry of each Parish, to meet the Bishop on every official visitation, and lay before him a statement of its financial condition, including the promised salary of its Minister, and the arrears, if any.

Mr. Parke offered the following as an amendment, viz:

Strike out all after the word *Resolved*, and insert, "That it shall be the duty of the Vestry of each church in union with this Convention, to make at each Annual Convention, a report, setting forth the amount of salary contracted to be paid to their clergyman, the amount actually paid, together with the amount contributed in aid of the feeblar parishes and other church objects.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Tyng, the whole subject was laid on the table

Rev. Dr. Morton, from the Committee appointed on the Bishop's Address, &c., made the following report :

The subject confided to your Committee, has received at two meetings, such consideration as the brief time has allowed, and they have conferred with the Bishop upon the same. They believe that a division of the present Diocese into two or more Dioceses, will at no distant day be demanded ; yet, from the great importance of the whole question, and the want of a proper knowledge of the sentiments of the clergy and the parishes generally throughout the Diocese, your Committee are not prepared to report *definitely* at the present time, and therefore propose the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee to whom was committed that portion of the Bishop's Address, alluding to the prospective division of the Diocese, or the appointment of an Assistant Bishop, be continued, and that they report at the next stated Convention, or previously at a special Convention, if such Convention be called.

In behalf of the Committee,

H. J. MORTON,
Chairman.

The Rev. Dr. Howe, from the Committee on Charters, made the following report :

The Committee on Charters hereby respectfully report, that they have had laid before them the Charters or Articles of Association of the four following named churches, to wit : St. Clement's church, in the city of Philadelphia ; St. Mathew's church, Etna, Alleghany county, Pennsylvania ; Calvary church, East Liberty, Alleghany county, Pennsylvania ; and of St. Peter's church, Pittsburgh.

In regard to the Articles of Association of St. Clement's church, Philadelphia, the Committee report that they are drawn in strict conformity with the form prescribed by the Convention, and they therefore recommend the admission of that church into union with this Convention.

The form of charter of Calvary church, Alleghany county, Pennsylvania, is also in entire conformity with the form aforesaid. The document before us, being "the original Articles of Association," does not, in the judgment of your Committee, require the authentication contemplated in the 1st Section of the XIII. Canon, which authentication, in their judgment, is demanded only, when the document laid before Convention purports to be a copy of the charter when the church has been incorporated, and is to be made by the proper civil authority. That the document be,

fore us is the original Articles of Association, and that the doings therein specified, have taken place is attested by the signature of the Rector, and are duly set forth in the instrument. Your Committee, therefore, recommend that Calvary church, Alleghany county, Pennsylvania, be admitted into union with this Convention.

In the case of St. Matthew's church, Etna, Alleghany county, Pennsylvania, your Committee report the facts are as in the case immediately preceding, except that in the 8th Article, it is said that the *seven* following named persons to be church Wardens and Vestrymen, to continue, &c., whereas, but *six* names are appended. Your Committee, therefore, decline to recommend the admission of St. Matthew's church, Etna.

In the case of St. Peter's church, Pittsburgh, your Committee report, that the document committed to us is a copy of the original charter, (the church having been incorporated,) duly authenticated under the official seal of the Recorder of Alleghany county,—that there are in it many variations from the form recommended by the Convention, more or less important.

These discrepancies may be divided into three classes, to wit : Such as appear to be merely clerical ; such as consist in difference of expression, without material change of sense ; and finally, such as embody distinct features, variant from or opposed to the provisions set forth in the prescribed form.

Of the first class we may remark, that inasmuch as this is a certified copy of the original charter declared to be "true and correct," under the hand and seal of the Recorder of Alleghany county, it is perhaps inadmissible, that we should account any to be clerical errors which convey intelligible thought, variant from the terms of the usual formality. Such, however, we have been willing to reckon the word "*reversions*" in the expression, "The rents and reversions of the corporation" in the beginning of the Seventh Article of their charter, which is substituted for the word "*revenues*," as given in the form recommended by Convention. Such also we have accounted the word "*Rector*" in the same article, which, from its context we infer stands in the stead of "Parsonage," as used in the third Article of the prescribed form. We must suppose that there is also a clerical error in the following expression, contained in the same seventh Article, "to the payment of principal and interest on the Bond and Mortgage, the payment whereof is hereafter provided for, and also to such other eleemosynary church institutions," &c. Other apparently clerical errors of minor consequence we need not note.

Pass we to the second class of variations, such as consist in difference of expression, without material change of sense.

In their fourth Article, which provides for the election of Wardens and

Vestrymen, and answers in the subject matter of it to the fifth in the prescribed form, it is ordained that persons to be eligible shall be "members of this corporation," instead of "the said church," the phrase recommended by Convention. Moreover, there is introduced into that Article, what is nowhere found in the prescribed form, a rule determining what number shall constitute a quorum of the Vestry.

In their fifth Article, it is provided that the Rector "shall be elected by the Vestry," instead of as in the same Article of the regular form, "by the church-Wardens and Vestry-men." In the same fifth Article of their charter, it is provided that no person shall in any way officiate as a minister in the said church, unless he shall have had Episcopal ordination &c. The restriction imposed in the prescribed form (see the 6th Article,) is, no person shall be the Rector or Assistant Minister of this church, unless &c. In their sixth Article, it is provided that the Vestry and Rector shall respectively choose a Warden, the one called Junior and the other Senior church-Warden, names unknown in our formulary, and it is further provided with a strictness which may be proper, but not enjoined in the form, "both of whom shall be communicants."

In their 8th Article, which restricts the corporation in the matter of alienating or encumbering the church property;—a subject which is treated of in the 4th Article of the prescript form, they have omitted to use the words "tenements or hereditaments."

These may, some or all of them, be deemed unimportant variations.—Individuals may look upon them as improvements. Your Committee have felt it their duty to note them for the observation of this body, offering only the remark, that if they are unimportant, conveying no material change of import, they seem to have been an unnecessary departure from the form recommended,—and that, if they do contain variations which the corporation esteem of any considerable moment, they ought to be well considered by the Convention before they receive its sanction.

We proceed to the third class of discrepancies—to wit, such as embody distinct features variant from or opposed to the provisions set forth in the prescribed form.

In the first Article of their Charter, it is provided, that the Corporation shall consist of all the "white male pewholders of said church over twenty one years of age." In this sentence is contained a disfranchisement of every female and of every colored person who may be a pewholder. It is for this Convention to decide whether it will give its sanction to a parochial organization which involves, so far as it can, the separation of races in the Church of Christ into distinct congregations.—Moreover, is this Convention prepared to lend the weight of its authority to the principle, that proprietors of either sex, who as such are sub-

ject to taxation in a church, shall have no part in the ordering of its affairs?

Again, in the second Article of their Charter, it is duly provided, that no person who shall disclaim or refuse conformity to the authority of the Church in Pennsylvania, or in the United States, shall become or continue to be a member of the corporation, or be capable of holding any function, or office in, concerning or connected with the said church,—but it is not provided, as it is, perhaps “*ex abundanti cautela*” in the prescribed form that no such person “shall vote in the election of Vestrymen.”

The third Article in their Charter seems to your Committee to be entirely novel, not even in proximate conformity to any Article or Section of the prescribed form. It is in these words, “the temporal affairs of this said corporation, shall be managed and directed by a Rector and Vestry, to be chosen and constituted as hereinafter provided for.”—Whether these “temporal affairs” embrace anything else than the financial concerns of the parish, which are provided for in every particular (esteemed of sufficient importance by the Convention to be noticed in the form of Constitution which it has set forth,) in other Articles of their Charter, your Committee are unable to determine. We submit, therefore, whether it be not either superfluous, or significant of something not expressed, which the Convention might not deem suitable to be contemplated in a Charter that is to have their approbation.

In their fourth Article, which sets forth the qualifications of voters at elections, it is allowed that one shall vote who “has paid for a *pew* in said church for *one year*, &c.,” in the form prescribed, the phrase is, “paid *two successive years*, &c., for a *pew*, or *sitting* in the said church.”

In their seventh Article it is provided, that the rents, and reversions [revenues?] of this corporation shall, under the direction of the Rector and Vestry, be applied, &c. This is a feature not found in the prescribed form, and takes the disposal of the rental, &c., under all circumstances out of the hands of the corporation at large. Moreover, in this same Article it is provided, that the rents and reversions aforesaid, may be applied “to the payment of principal and interest on the bond and mortgage,” an object not recognized in the prescribed form, nor usually provided for, it is believed, from such sources. It is provided in the eighth Article, after restraining the corporation from charges or encumbering any lands, &c., as prescribed in the form set forth by Convention, that special license be given to execute bonds and mortgage therefor on the present church edifice and the land on which it is erected, which seems to render nugatory the rule adopted.

In the sixth Article, it is provided, that “during a vacancy in the

Rectorship, the Vestry shall have the same powers and authorities as are hereby (to wit, by the Charter,) vested in the Rector and Vestry," a much larger liberty than is given in the prescribed form. See Article 7th.

And finally, in the tenth Article, wherein provision is made for the alteration of the Constitution, no recourse to this Convention for its approval is required, however radical the changes may be. Of how absolute authority the form set forth by Convention was intended to be, does not fully appear to your Committee. It is found in the Appendix to a pamphlet containing the Constitution, Canons and Revised Regulations of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Pennsylvania, published under the order of the Convention of the Diocese in 1851, and is referred to in the 5th Revised Regulation, as the form "recommended." By this we would incline to understand that it was the wish of Convention to secure, as far as possible, *uniformity of expression* in these documents, that the principles of organization which are embodied in this form are indispensable, and that it was intended to exclude the incorporation of any other principles, and especially of any inconsistent ones in Articles of Association, or Charters, claiming the approval of this House.

In consideration, then, of the manifold variations in language and import from the prescribed form, above specified; of the fact that the Charter was not (as recommended in the 5th Revised Regulation;) "before application to the judges, laid before the Bishop and Standing Committee for their examination and approbation," and of the further fact, that the Charter subsequently submitted to those functionaries has been disapproved by them respectively, your Committee find themselves unable to recommend the admission of St. Peter's Church, Pittsburgh, into union with this Convention.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That St. Clement's Church, Philadelphia, and Calvary Church, East Liberty, Alleghany county, be and they are hereby admitted into union with this Convention.

Respectfully submitted, for the Committee,

M. A. DE WOLFE HOWE, *Chairman*.

Philadelphia, May 17th, 1855.

To this document was appended a paper containing the objections of the Bishop, which was read by the Chairman of the Committee, as follows:

The undersigned withholds his approbation from the charter of St. Peter's Church, Pittsburgh; partly for the reasons assigned by the Standing Committee, but mainly because it disfranchises by the fundamental

law of the Corporation, a certain class of Christians, for a cause which involves on their part no criminality.

1. This provision in a *Charter*, now it is believed, introduced in this Church for the first time, is more exceptionable than it would be as a *By-Law*, in proportion as it argues a more deliberate purpose, and is more difficult of alteration.

2. For a Christian Bishop to give his approbation to such a provision, would be to give the whole weight of his office to a prejudice which is already too powerful, and which is believed to be unjust and cruel, and to tend directly to the further depression of a class already degraded and wronged.

3. For a Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church to do it, would be to lend the influence of his office towards alienating from our Communion the affections and confidence of this large class of persons. It would contribute further to the separation of these persons (if they remain connected with our Church,) into separate congregations, a policy which, in the opinion of the undersigned, has been carried too far already.

4. For the undersigned to give his approbation to such a provision excluding this class of Christians from any concern in the government and legislation of the Church, would be to act in direct contradiction to his own recorded judgment, and that of a large majority of the Clergy of this Diocese, as expressed at the last Annual Convention, in the action on the petition of St. Thomas' African Church, asking for a repeal of the 8th Revised Regulation.

5. While much evil would (it is believed) result from retaining this provision of the Charter, no probable, or even possible evil can be foreseen as ensuing from its being withdrawn.

6. The consent of the Courts to such withdrawal (it is presumed) could be obtained without difficulty.

7. It is recommended by this Convention, (see V. of Revised Regulations,) in order that Charters may conform to the essential principles of the Church as regards doctrine, discipline and worship, that they shall, *before application to the judges*, be laid before the Bishop and Standing Committee for their examination and approbation. In this case that recommendation was not complied with.

8. One year since, the undersigned advertised the Rector of St. Peter's Church, Pittsburgh, of his deep repugnance to the imposition of such tests in the Church of Christ, and of the practical difficulty which must, in his judgment, be encountered in applying them.

ALONZO POTTER,

Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

Philadelphia, May 16, 1855.

On motion, St. Clement's Church, Philadelphia, and Calvary Church, East Liberty, Alleghany County, were admitted into union with this Convention.

On motion, Rev. N. E. Cornwall, Mr. Geo. M. Wharton and Judge Stroud were added to the Committee on the Bishop's charge.

The Rev. S. Durborow offered the following :

Resolved, That the Rectors of the respective parishes in the Diocese, be hereby requested to furnish, so far as practicable, the Bishop an annual list of the names and residences of those of their parishioners who may have removed to, and settled in, places distant from Episcopal services, within the bounds of this Diocese.

On motion, the whole subject was laid on the table.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Van Deusen,

Resolved, That St. Peter's Church, Pittsburgh, be admitted into union with this Convention.

Mr. George M. Wharton offered the following amendment, which was accepted by the mover :

Provided, That the said Church shall, within six months, present to the Bishop and Standing Committee satisfactory evidence that the word "white" has been erased from the Charter, by due course of law ; and also, that the language of the said Charter be made to conform exactly to the words of the 6th Article of the recommended Charter of Incorporation.

The vote by orders was called for on this Resolution, and resulted as follows :

CLERGY.

AYES.

Rev. Jehu C. Clay, D. D.
" B. Franklin.

Rev. Marmaduke Hirst.
" James L. Hildebrandt.

AYES.

Rev. Bryan B. Killikelly, D. D.
 " T. B. Lyman.
 " Milton C. Lightner.
 " W. W. Montgomery.
 " Henry J. Morton, D. D.
 " Frederick Ogilby.
 " John Rodney.
 Ayes 19.

Rev. Richard Smith.
 " Henry S. Spackman.
 " Joseph A. Stone.
 " E. M. Van Densen.
 " Peter Van Pelt.
 " John A. Vaughan, D. D.
 " William White.
 " J. P. B. Wilmer.

NAYS.

Rev. Thomas G. Allen.
 " A. Butler Atkins.
 " H. B. Bartow,
 Frederick W. Beasley.
 " Archibald Beatty.
 " Samuel Bowman, D. D.
 " Henry Brown.
 " Levi Bull, D. D.
 " De Witt Clinton Byllesby.
 " John A. Childs.
 " Aaron Christman.
 " Samuel A. Clark.
 " John Coleman, D. D.
 " William C. Cooley.
 " Charles D. Cooper.
 " Nathaniel E. Cornwall.
 " Thomas Crumpton.
 " Erastus DeWolf.
 " Benjamin Dorr, D. D.
 " Jacob M. Douglass.
 " Benjamin J. Douglass.
 " Richard B. Duane.
 " Henry W. Ducachet, D. D.
 " C. M. Dupuy.
 " George A. Durborow.
 " Samuel Durborow.
 " Joseph J. Elsegood.
 " George G. Field.
 " John G. Furey.
 " Kingston Goddard.
 " G. Emlen Hare, D. D.

Rev. Wm. J. Hilton.
 " George P. Hopkins.
 " M. A. DeWolfe Howe, D. D.
 " George Kirke.
 " Edmund Leaf.
 " Edward Lounsbery.
 " B. S. Huntington.
 " John G. Maxwell.
 " Edward Mendenhall.
 " George D. Miles.
 " Daniel S. Miller.
 " George Mintzer.
 " B. Wistar Morris.
 " G. W. Natt.
 " Richard Newton, D. D.
 " George L. Platt.
 " Azariah Prior.
 " Samuel Randall.
 " James W. Robins.
 " Joshua M. Rodgers.
 " T. S. Rumney.
 " Joel Rudderow.
 " Peter Russell.
 " J. Brinton Smith.
 " Nathan Stem.
 " Wm. Bacon Stevens, D. D.
 " William Suddards.
 " A. Ten Brœck.
 " C. West Thomson.
 " Henry Tullidge.
 " Richard S. Trapier.

NAYS.

Rev. Dudley A. Tyng.

" Daniel Washburn.

" W. E. Webb.

Nays 69.

Rev. H. F. Wilcoxon.

" E. P. Wright.

" T. W. Winchester.

" Thomas C. Yarnall.

A majority of both orders being required for the passage of the Resolution, the voting of the Lay Deputies was, on motion, dispensed with, and the Resolution was declared to be lost.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Ducachet, it was

Resolved, That after reading the rough minutes, and the usual devotional exercises, the Convention adjourn *sine die*.

The rough minutes were then read and approved, and after singing the 107th selection of Psalms, and prayer by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

WM. BACON STEVENS, *Secretary*.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Report of the Rev. Thomas G. Allen, Philadelphia.

Up to this date, in *preaching, lecturing, &c.*, I have officiated on 229 occasions. I have officiated or assisted in the services of the Church, when I have not lectured or preached, on 5 occasions. I have administered or assisted in the administration of the Lord's Supper on 8 occasions. I have baptized 50 persons. I have married 32 couples. I have officiated on 52 funeral occasions.

During the year up to March 12th, my pastoral visits have been 600—of that number 588 to the sick and afflicted; also I have conversed and prayed with individuals in my house on 177 occasions.

I have distributed a few Bibles, New Testaments and Prayer Books, and 43,098 pages of Tracts, in which is included 13,848 pages of the Tract, "Morning and Evening Prayers for Children and Youth," &c. I have also been instrumental in circulating 33 volumes on experimental and practical religion, and 7681 parts of religious publications, at a low price or gratuitously.

My monthly appointments at the Widow's Asylum, also my weekly appointments in the Magdalen Asylum, and at my house, are continued. For more than a year I have had a monthly appointment in the Seamen's Home. On other occasions I have officiated during the week and on the Lord's day, in the city and county of Philadelphia, or in other places more or less remote, as the Lord in His providence has directed. I have generally been enabled to preach or lecture four or five times each week.

My poor's purse, &c., has been the means of imparting relief to the

poor and afflicted during the past year, on 201 occasions more than the previous year. When I impart pecuniary aid for the body, I endeavor to accompany the gift with the truth of the Gospel, in connection with prayer.

Report of the Rev. A. B. Atkins, Rector of Christ Church, Germantown, Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families between 70 and 80; baptisms, adults 6, infants 9, total 15; confirmed 17; communicants 103; marriage 1; burial 1; public services, on Sundays 79, other days 55, total 134; children catechized 7 times; Sunday schools, teachers, male 9, female 14, total 23; pupils, male 86, female 101, total 187; infant teacher 1, pupils 61; Bible class 1, teacher 1, members 12; collections, Diocesan Missionary Society \$50, weekly and monthly collections for defraying church expenses \$421 67, for Sunday school library \$218, special collection for furnishing lecture room \$117 34, communion alms \$98 25, Domestic Missions \$150, For. Missions \$20, Sunday school offerings for Foreign Missions \$72, for general charities \$30 40, total \$1177 66. Present salary of the Rector, \$1200, no arrears.

The above report dates only from last July, the time when I entered upon my duties as the first Rector of this new and interesting parish. We are at present worshipping in the lecture room. The number of parishioners, families, &c., cannot be very accurately ascertained. Our system of collections has not yet been arranged and consequently, we have contributed to but few of the general church objects. The collections reported, are entirely exclusive of all monies contributed towards the church edifice, purchase of organ, rector's salary, &c.

Our congregations have been large, and we feel as though God's hand had been over us for good.

Report of the Rev. Henry B. Bartow, Rector of St. James' Church, Bristol, Bucks County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families 88, adults 170, children 92, total 262; baptisms, adults 7, infants 8, total 15; confirmed 20; communicants, added 29, died or removed 10, present number 117; marriages 2; burials 4; public services, Sundays 98, other 35, total 133; children catechized 5 times; Sunday school, male and female 1, teachers 12, pupils 118; infant school 1, teacher 1, pupils 35, total, teachers 18, pupils 153; Bible class 1, members 9, teacher 1; collections, Convention Fund \$5, Diocesan Fund \$42, Sunday school missionary offering \$48, Missionary and other purposes \$158 28, total \$243 28.

Statistics of parish.—See Journal 1849, pp. 51–2, viz :

Property other than church building and lecture room none ; amount of indebtedness none ; salary of the Rector \$600 ; arrears of salary none.

REMARKS.—This parish was vacant five months of the past year, from the resignation of the former Rector at Easter, 1854, until the following September, when the present Rector took charge of it. This report relates (chiefly) to the state of affairs in the parish under the latter, up to this date, a period of eight months. He would not omit a grateful acknowledgment of the Divine blessing bestowed upon the short season of labor, in the accessions to the church, such, he trusts, “as shall be saved.”

He is pleased also to add, that a zeal is waking up, not only in the attendance at Divine worship and religious objects generally, but also for the erection of a new church and parsonage, one or both of which commendable enterprises, it is hoped, will, before the next Annual Convention, be in full operation.

Report of the Rev. F. W. Beasley, Rector of All Saints' Church, Lower Dublin.

Baptisms, adult 1, infants 18, total 19 ; confirmed at the Chapel 4 ; communicants, added 13, died 1, present number 67 ; marriages 9 ; Sunday Schools 2, one at All Saints', one at Oak Grove ; public services, on Sunday, every morning at All Saints', every afternoon at Oak Grove ; other services have been held in the Chapel, and in the Sunday School room beneath it. I have also held services in the houses of some of my parishioners. During Lent we had service once each week at All Saints'.

Collections, Episcopal Fund \$33 63 ; Convention Fund in June for the year 1854–5 \$16 85 ; for the same object in March \$11 59 ; for Fund for building Churches \$27 ; for the poor of the city of Philadelphia \$25 61 ; Episcopal Hospital \$19 11 ; Fund for Disabled Clergymen \$36 40 ; for All Saints' Sunday School and Parochial Library \$56 58 ; for Diocesan Missions \$21 ; Foreign Missions \$40 58 ; Domestic Missions \$35 30.

Our new Parish Church has been erected, and is soon to be consecrated. The collections made during the year for this object, and for the erection of a new house for the Sexton, have amounted to \$5766 85. We have also received a present of a Bell, and of an Organ, of a carpet for the Chancel, of Books for the Reading Desk, of a Stone Font, of cushions for the Pulpit, Desk, &c., of two Linen Cloths

for the Communion Table, of two Silver Basins for alms at the Offertory.

Collections for current expenses of the Chapel, made at Oak Grove, \$94 31; total amount of collections in the parish \$6184 81.

Report of the Rev. A. Beatty, Rector of Trinity Church, Carbondale, Luzerne County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families and parts of families 48, adults 95, children 86, total 131; baptisms, infants 8; confirmed none, the Episcopal visit having been postponed; communicants, added 4, died or removed 8, present number 37; marriages 5; burial 1; public services on Sundays in the Church of the Parish 96, other days 26, services held out of the parish 22, total 144; children catechized on the first Sunday of every month; Sunday School 1, teachers 8, pupils 60; Bible classes 2, pupils 26; collections, Episcopal Fund \$5, Convention Fund \$5, Missionary and other purposes as follows: Foreign Missions \$28 42 (of which \$23 42 was from the Sunday School), Domestic Missions (through Missionary Association for the West) \$5, Diocesan Missionary Society \$30, Convocation purposes \$10, Communion alms (of which \$5 were appropriated to Christmas Fund for disabled Clergymen), \$37 38, for building Parsonage \$400, parish purposes \$178 99, total \$699 79.

The property other than the Church building and lot owned by the parish, is a lot adjoining, on which a parsonage is now in process of erection. The parish is free from debt. The amount of salary which the Clergyman is entitled to receive from the parish is \$450 per annum; the same is punctually paid.

In addition to the services enumerated above, a course of "Cottage Lectures" on the Epistle to the Romans, was commenced on the 20th of last October; and has been continued every Friday evening with one or two exceptions, until the present. The interest manifested in these services is such as to warrant the belief that the Spirit's influences have not been withheld from this attempt to teach the people "from house to house." Still we have to confess that a great spiritual work is needed in this parish. Many of those who attend our ministrations are living without a well-grounded hope, others are following Christ "afar off." We are thankful however, that there are those who by a consistent life adorn the Gospel of the Lord Jesus, and in dependance on our covenant-keeping God, we would "learn to labor and to wait."

Report of the Rev. James Bonnar, B. D.

The undersigned respectfully reports to the Right Reverend the Bishop of Pennsylvania, that since the date of his last report until Easter, he was constantly engaged in the discharge of his duties as one of the Masters in the Academy of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the City of Philadelphia; that he has, during the past year, celebrated or assisted in celebrating, Divine Service about four hundred and seventy times; and that he has baptized several children and adults, buried a number of persons, and solemnized a few marriages, all of which being entered on the records of St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia, are reported by the Rector of the same.

Report of Rev. John A. Bowman, Rector of the Parish of Trinity Church, Newcastle, Lawrence County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families 37, adults 81, children 70, total 151; baptisms, adults 1, infants 21, total 22; confirmed 10; communicants, added 20, died or removed 1, present number 37; marriages none; burial 1; public services, on Sundays about 75, other days 6, total 81; children catechized 12; Sunday schools, male teachers 2, pupils 24, female teachers 7, pupils 43, total teachers 9, pupils 67; Bible class 1, members 5, teacher 1; collections \$9 50, for Sunday school and current expenses.

The Bishop holds, for the use of the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of the Parish, a lot of ground left by the Will of the late Dr. Asra Andrews, on which are two frame houses, yielding an annual revenue of about \$125.

The congregation and citizens of Newcastle subscribed and paid punctually to the support of the minister this year about \$125.

Of the rents, which by Will of Dr. Andrews, should come into the the minister's hands, he has received about \$75.

Report of Rev. S. Bowman, D. D., Rector of St. James' Church, Lancaster, Lancaster County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Baptisms, infants 25; communicants, added 23, died or removed 13, present number 155; confirmed 19; marriages 4; funerals 19; collections, Episcopal Fund \$24 65, Christmas Fund \$25 84, Society for Advancement of Christianity \$26 60, Convention Fund \$25 94, Monthly Offerings \$95 12, total \$198 12; Easter collection for feeble churches \$41.

The Monthly Offerings are divided between the Society for Advance-

ment of Christianity in Pennsylvania, and the Domestic and Foreign branches of our Missions.

In our Sunday Schools there are about 180 children, under fifteen teachers. A part of the children are catechized every Sunday. There is one Female Bible Class, of ten members, under a single teacher.

Our Parochical Schools continue much as they were last year, except that the highest department for boys has been suspended since the removal of Rev. Mr. Coit. In the remaining branches, there are about 110 children, under five teachers.

The Orphan Asylum continues its benevolent work uninterruptedly. There are eight children now in it. The pressure of the times renders it impossible, with our present scanty income, to increase the number.

The property of the church remains unchanged. The salary of the Rector (\$1100,) is punctually paid. I believe there is no debt remaining against the church. One hundred and fifty dollars per annum, (\$150) are contributed by the Vestry of St. James, to the support of the Assistant at St. John's.

Report of Rev. S. Bowman, D. D., Rector of St. John's Church, Lancaster, Lancaster County, Pa., for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

This church was consecrated to the worship of Almighty God, in September last, by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese. Divine service had been held in the basement of it since the preceding Easter. I was assisted in this Parish, or rather the work in it was faithfully and energetically done, by my Assistant, the Rev. H. A. Coit, who had at the same time charge of the chief male department of our Parochical Schools. Shortly after the consecration of the church, Mr. Coit removed to another field of labor, where he is actively devoting himself to the duties of the ministry, without the incumbrance of teaching.

He was succeeded, as Assistant at St. John's, by the Rev. J C. Eccleston, M. D., who continued with indefatigable zeal and most encouraging success, to discharge the duties of his ministry, until a very recent period, when his health gave way suddenly, and so seriously, as to compel him to suspend all labor, and seek restoration in a more genial clime. I trust it may please God, speedily to restore him to a ministry, which, in the outset, gave so large promise of usefulness.

The lines between the new and the old Parish, are as yet so imperfectly drawn, that I shall, this year, make no separate report of communicants for St. John's.

The baptisms have been 7, adults 2, infants 5; in the Sunday school there are about 175 children, under 19 teachers.

This church is established on the principle of free sittings. At present, however, it receives assistance from "the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania," and also from the Vestry of St. James'. We do not doubt that it will ultimately support itself. A generous member of the old Parish, has given \$1000 towards an endowment for the support of the minister of St. John's. The present salary, which also goes to the Assistant, is \$600, and is punctually paid.

The church will accommodate easily five hundred persons, and at our evening services, is usually fairly filled. There have been already paid towards the church and grounds, I believe, between \$1100 and \$1200. There remains yet a debt of about \$2000, which, however, has been assumed by the Rector and Vestry. These circumstances will, it is hoped, excuse us for having made none of the ordinary collections.

Report of the Rev. Henry Brown, Rector of St. David's Church, Radnor, Delaware County, and Church of the Redeemer, Lower Merion, Montgomery County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

ST. DAVID'S CHURCH, RADNOR.

Congregation, families 50, adults 160, children 70, total 230; baptisms, infants 6, adults 3, total 9; confirmed 4; communicants, added 6, removed 4, present number 46; marriages 4; burials 7; public services, Sundays 60, other days 16, total 76; children catechized, times 12; Sunday school 1, teachers 5, children 35, total 40.

The collections taken up during this year have been appropriated for the most part to the wants of our own parish; we are now free of debt, the salary has been promptly paid, and things look promising for the future. I trust we shall now respond, gladly and freely, to the missionary and other calls of the church, which from time to time are made upon us; and feel it to be both a duty and privilege to do good unto all men, and especially unto them that are of the household of faith. Salary \$450.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER, LOWER MERION.

Congregation, resident families 24, adults 75, children 30, total 105; baptisms, adults 2, infants 1, total 3; confirmed 2; communicants 25; public services, Sundays 52, other days 10, total 62; missionary collections \$35.

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small, and we have had some difficulties in money matters, but we are still in debt, but our debts are nearly all paid. The summer season was very large, and we are not without abundant tokens of the Divine presence in our midst. The Rector would state that he has received kind and cordial assistance from the Rev. Dr. Lyman, upon communion and ministrations of Divine service. Salary \$400, promptly paid.

Report of the Rev. Edward F. Buchanan, Rector of Trinity Church, Philadelphia, since October 1st, 1884, when the present Rector took charge of the parish.

Public services have been performed on every Sunday except on 5 week-days, making a total of 36 public services. The result has been encouragingly good, even in the winter. There has been no organ, procured in the autumn and consumed in comfort, as well as appearance of this venerable church, it was greatly improved during the previous winter. The whole was then entirely renewed and refurnished, and is now as comfortable, convenient and beautiful. The congregation seems to consist of about 43 families, nearly 12 which are here during only a part of the year. The number of communicants, not including those from among our summer worshippers, is 18. Of these 3 have been added since I became rector. There has been 1 baptism (an infant,) and 1 burial. A few children have been received twice. A Sunday school is about to be opened with good prospects of success. The experiment is also about to be tried of an afternoon service on Sundays, at least during the summer season. Since September, the collections have been as follows: Church Fund \$6, for the poor \$31 58, Advancement Society \$11, Convention Fund \$6, Sunday school \$68 25, Christmas Fund \$8, Episcopal Fair \$40, total \$698 54. Besides the church and lot which this parish is not at all in debt. Beyond the church and lot also ground rents and funds to the amount of a few thousand dollars. The salary of the clergyman, is (in addition to a house,) \$800 per annum, and is punctually paid. One of the great wants of this parish is a parsonage house, convenient to the church. This want, however, is likely soon to be supplied.

Does the parish give signs of being about to renew its

of All Saints' Church, Paradise, for the five months ending
September 30, 1854.

baptisms 5 (children); communicants, added 2, re-
it number 46; confirmed 5; burials 3; public servi-
s 18, other days 3, total 21; children catechized fre-
lay school 1, teachers 10, pupils 100; contributions,
episcopal Sunday School Union \$3, Bishop White Prayer
\$3, Bishop White Parish Library Association \$3, La-
society \$2, Missions (of which \$4 57 were from the Sun-
\$17 18, other purposes \$16 03, total \$44 21.

CHRIST CHURCH, LEACOCK.

37; baptisms 5 (infants); communicants, added 2, present
; confirmed 10; burial 1; public services, on Sundays
days 3, total 16; Sunday schools 1, teachers 5, pupils 80;
Advancement Society \$6, Missions \$8 32, other purposes
\$22 32.

In this parish, I had at the time of leaving it, in October last,
served for 19 years and a half. Of All Saints' Church, I had
Rector since its organization in 1841. To both I had, with
become so much attached, that it was quite a trial to leave
May they both be ever dear to the Great Head of the Church
experience abundantly of His favor and blessing.

Report of the Rev. Levi Bull, D. D.

ave officiated about 50 times during the last year. Funerals 10;
ages 2.

ort of the Rev. De Witt C. Byllesby, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Montrose,
Susquehanna County, and of St. Matthew's Church, Pike, Bradford County.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, MONTROSE.

Congregation, adults 80, children 21, total 101; baptisms, adults
, infants 1, total 4; confirmed 3; communicants, added 3, died or
removed 3, present number 29; marriage 1; burials 4; public ser-

vices, on Sundays 82, other days 54, total 136; Sunday school, teachers 6, pupils 28; collections, Convention Fund \$5, Diocesan Missionary Society \$24 79, Episcopal Society for the West \$12, Foreign Missions \$25, Christmas Fund \$3 31, Church building \$5, Convocation Fund \$9 37, other purposes \$63 50, total \$147 97.

The parish is in a gradually improving state, and although there are not as many evidences of progress as we could wish, yet we are not without proof of God's presence and blessing in our midst. Our parochial Missionary Society, now in its second year, has worked well and fully attested the efficiency of such instrumentalities in country parishes.

During the past year the parsonage has been completed and improved, and we hope at no distant day to erect a new and substantial church. The Rector's salary is paid quarterly in advance, and in addition he would acknowledge the generous and continued kindness of his parishioners.

In addition to the services performed in this parish and that of St. Matthew's, Pike, I have visited Cherry, Sullivan county, twice, and preached there three times and baptized one adult and two infants.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, PIKE.

Congregation, adults 50, children 20, total 70; communicants, died or removed 4, present number 28; marriage 1; burial 1; public services, on Sundays 32, other days 1, total 33; Sunday school, teachers 4, pupils 16; collections for missionary and other purposes \$20.

This parish is in a languishing condition for want of a settled minister. To one who could reside here it offers a noble field of usefulness and a comfortable support might be secured. But it needs more time and attention than I can possibly spare from other duties and at a distance of 16 miles. The parish has suffered severely from sickness and failure of crops during the past year, and consequently has been able to do but little in the way of salary.

Report of the Rev. John A. Childs.

Baptisms, infants 21; marriages 9; funerals 12; public services, prayers 148, sermons 37.

I am still acting as Assistant at St. Luke's, also as superintendant and librarian of the Episcopal Reading Room and agent for the Church Hospital. Besides the above services I have officiated on many occasions at cottage lectures, &c.

Report of the Rev. A. Christman, Rector of Calvary Church, Philadelphia.

I took charge of this parish on the 1st of January last. This report includes the labors of myself and predecessor, since last Convention.

Baptisms, adults 9, children 100, total 109; confirmed 15; communicants, added 25, died or removed 19, present number 113; marriages 34; burials 51; public services, on Sundays 116, other days 67, total 183; children catechized 223, times 51; Sunday school 1, teachers 25, pupils 223; collections, charities about home \$100, maintenance of Church and school \$800, school-house and organ funds \$200, total \$1200.

Besides the lot upon which the Church edifice stands, there is another on the north side of it, 80 by 100 feet "held for our use." There has all along been a mortgage upon it, the *interest* of which has always been paid by the rent of the store and stable now occupying it; but there is every prospect at present, that the amount still due on the mortgage will be paid by the close of the year.

The Church edifice, MONUMENT TO BISHOP WHITE, is completed, with the exception of the *spire*, which will be built this summer—"is to be the gift of the Sunday schools of St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia."

"In consequence of the peculiar character of this congregation I am not able to report the number of families and individuals composing it; if I should return all who occasionally attend this church and go nowhere else, and who depend entirely upon me for the ministrations of religion while living, and for the burial of their dead, I would give a far too flattering account of our success here; while on the other hand a report embracing those only whose names are down as regular contributors of stated sums, would fall below the number who rightly belong here."

The report above given, conveys the best idea of the present state of the parish that I can give.

Report of the Rev. Samuel A. Clark, Rector of the Church of the Advent, Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Baptisms, adults 8, infants 15, total 23; confirmed 20; communicants, added 39, died or removed 19, present number 227; children catechized monthly; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 13, pupils 100; female 1, teachers 19, pupils 180; infant 1, teachers 2, pupils 180; total, Sunday schools 3, teachers 34, pupils 360; Bible Classes 2, members 25, teachers 2.

Contributions, Episcopal Fund \$20 21, Convention Fund \$20 20, Diocesan Missionary Society \$142 02, Diocesan, Domestic and Foreign Missions \$607 67, American Sunday School Union \$177, other purposes \$3097 20, total \$3064 30.

Church debt, ground rent \$5333 33; mortgage \$3000; total \$8333 33; salary \$1500, paid punctually.

Report of the Rev. Wm. H. Clarke, Rector of Locust Grove Seminary, Pittsburgh.

The Institution under my charge continues to be very well sustained, and promises to become an efficient agent in promoting the cause of Christian education in Western Pennsylvania. The number of pupils in attendance during the current year, is forty-four.

Since the middle of December, an affection of the chest has prevented my engaging in the public duties of the ministry. Before that time, I had baptized one infant, attended one funeral, read the whole service, or a part of it, 34 times, preached 12 sermons, and assisted 11 times in administering the Holy Communion.

Report of the Rev. Samuel Clements, Rector of Trinity Church, Washington, Washington County.

Congregation, families and parts of families 28, adults 49, children 37, total 86; baptisms, infants 13; confirmations 5; communicants, added 9, removed 9, present number 18; marriages 2; burials 5; public services, about 135; Sunday school, teachers 9, scholars 32; collections, Foreign Missions \$17, Domestic Missions \$2, Diocesan Missions \$12 75, American Sunday School Union \$2,50, church debt \$155 40, Parochical purposes \$83 38, total \$273 03. The Parish is now entirely free from debt.

Report of the Rev. John B. Clemson, Rector of St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook.

This Parish has improved and is prospering. The public services are well sustained, many have evinced a concern for the salvation of their souls, and there is much exemplary piety. Still we lament a deficiency of zeal and active devotion in the Saviour's cause and service. Salary the same in amount and payment.

Families 60, children 150; Sunday school not so large—improved fulfilment of parental obligations; baptisms, adults 13, infants 18, total 31; marriages 6; burials 5; communicants, added 28, removed 8, total 87; Church building \$15 14, Diocesan Missions \$4, Foreign

Missions \$10, Christmas Fund \$4 71, Episcopal and Convention Funds \$10, other objects \$31 79, total \$75 64.

Report of the Rev. John Coleman, D.D., Rector of Trinity Church, Philadelphia, for the year ending May 15th, 1855.

Congregation, about as last reported ; baptisms, adults 2, infants 44, total 46 ; confirmed 17 ; communicants, last reported 318, added 12, died 6, removed 16, present number 308 ; marriages 28 ; burials 22 ; public services, on Sundays 114, other days 45, total 159 ; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 14, pupils 130 ; female 2, teachers 25, pupils 240 ; children catechized, monthly, "openly in the church ;" collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity \$50, Episcopal and Convention Funds \$46 90, Prayer Book and Tract Societies \$70 69, Missionary and other purposes \$662 50, total \$830 09.

During the last ten years our Parish has paid towards the enlargement and improvement of the Church Edifice \$7,500 ; and for the extinguishment of the Church debt \$5,500. The present indebtedness of the Parish is \$4,750.

Report of the Rev. William C. Cooley, Rector of the Church of our Saviour.

I would respectfully report, that during the last year, I have held Divine service twice every Sunday, besides attending to my Sunday school in the afternoon. I have baptized 125 infants, 2 children ; solemnized 7 marriages, and attended 50 funerals. The Sunday school has continued to increase, until it now numbers 350 children, and 20 teachers, with an able and experienced Superintendent ; and the only obstacle to a much larger increase is want of room. I have kept steadily in view the indispensable work of building a church here, and have so far progressed in the undertaking, as to hope at least, that it will be consummated during this coming season. We have a plan for a neat, gothic stone church, which is not to cost over \$7000, and will seat 500 persons. I consider the building of the church the first and most important work now to be done. The congregation is fluctuating and unstable, and will continue so until we have a sanctuary consecrated to the worship of God.

In the prosecution of this work, I have found many, who, from poverty, sickness and age, are utterly unable to attend church. Some of these are members of the church, and in ministering to their wants, both temporal and spiritual, we are but discharging our bounden duty.

Report of the Rev. Charles D. Cooper, Rector of St. Philip's Church, Philadelphia.

Families 255; marriages 12; burials 20; baptisms, adults 10, infants 29, total 39; confirmed 32; communicants, added 44, removed or died 39, present number 330; Sunday schools, teachers and scholars 450; Bible classes 3, number of members 68; collections, Episcopal Fund \$100, Convention Fund \$120, Protestant Episcopal Hospital \$134, Bishop H. W. Lee for Iowa \$440, Foreign Missions \$100, Missionary and other purposes, (including \$1089 29 for sinking fund) \$5240 41, total \$6134 41; ground rent, deducting interest on sinking fund, \$660; salary of the rector \$2000, paid punctually.

Report of the Rev. W. H. Cooper, Rector of Christ Church, Lycoming County for eight months, from 14th September 1854 to 15th May, 1855.

Congregation, families 24, children of those families 32, adults 42, total 95, belonging to the Church, besides numerous occasional worshippers; baptisms, adult 1, infants 5; confirmed 4; communicants, added 9, removed 3, present number 38; marriages 2; burials none; public services, on Sundays 73, other days 7, total 80; children catechised quarterly before congregation, and occasionally in the Sunday school, where I am always in attendance; Sunday school 1, teachers, male 4, female 7, pupils, number variable, about 45; Bible class 1, teacher, myself, members 17 besides stragglers; collections, Parish Library association \$3; Christmas Fund \$765; Williamsport Colporteur Association \$11 72, Foreign Missions \$15, Convention Fund \$4 11, Carrier Dove and other general purposes \$100 81; total \$142 29.

Property other than the church building and lot owned by the parish, an adjoining lot, on which has just been completed a beautiful and commodious parsonage of brick, at a cost of \$2250, besides some \$150 probably for extras, fencing, &c.; amount of indebtedness of the church of the parish, nothing on the church building, \$973 and upwards on the parsonage; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$500, punctually paid, with allowance for expenses of removal.

The parish has suffered much from vacancies and removals, as will be evident from the fact that the church had been closed for six months or so prior to my appointment, and *for the last four summers in succession*. The field is a hard one, but it is acknowledged that never were the prospects of the congregation brighter than at present. The completion thus far of the Sunbury and Erie and of the Williamsport and Elmira Railroad, both having their terminus in this borough, is communicating an extraordinary impetus to trade in this region; and

it is to a consequent increase of population that, under God, we look for an enlarged congregation. We have just struggled through a work particularly arduous in a season of pecuniary depression like the present, viz.: the erection of such a parsonage as would do credit to many a more extensive and more wealthy parish. Some \$1000 have been raised within the borough towards the object, and about \$200 only have come in to us from abroad. Part of the remaining balance our ladies are making efforts to liquidate by a Fair in June. We had hoped this summer to have altered and improved our church building, of which it undoubtedly stands in need, and which would be most desirable, but, having been unable, through disappointment, to clear the parsonage from incumbrance, our efforts must unitedly be directed towards this object in preference. The means of grace, I trust, have not been unblest, since my residence amongst them, to my beloved people.

Report of the Rev. N. E. Cornwall, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation; families, 85, adults 250, children, 100, total 350; baptisms, adults 3, infants 17, total 20; confirmed 10; communicants, added 25, died or removed 12, present number 130; marriages 2; burials 17; public services, on Sundays 101, other days 66, total 167; children catechized 11 times; Sunday Schools, male, teachers 4, pupils 30, female, teachers 5, pupils 40; infant, teacher 1, pupils 25, schools 2, teachers 10, pupils 95; bible class 1, members 10; collections, Episcopal fund \$24, Convention Fund \$18, Diocesan Missionary Society \$88, Missionary and other purposes \$871, total \$951; property other than the church building and lot owned by the parish, none; amount of indebtedness of the Church of the parish \$1400; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$1500; arrears of salary, none.

To the collections for missionary and other charitable purposes, must be added contributions of members of this parish, to the amount of two hundred dollars for the support of feeble parishes in the vicinity; and subscriptions of individuals toward the erection of St. James' Church, to the amount of twelve hundred dollars, together with the same amount paid last year, but, through inadvertence not reported. In this view of the matter, the total amount raised for missionary and other charitable purposes may be stated at \$3550.

The indebtedness of the Church of this parish, for want of full information, was, after much pains, erroneously reported last year at

\$2000, when, in fact, it was more than \$3000, including all alleged claims. This, however, is now virtually reduced to \$1400, by late proceedings of the corporation. The whole amount, therefore, to be reckoned for benevolent purposes and extinction of church debt is about \$5150.

Report of the Rev. George Alexander Crooke (Deacon), Philadelphia.

The above begs to state, that since his admission to the Diaconate, on Sunday, the 31st of December, 1854, he has either by himself celebrated, or with others assisted in celebrating, Divine Service upwards of 140 times; preached 16 times; assisted in the administration of the Holy Communion 3 times; united 2 couples in marriage; baptized 3 sick children; officiated at 3 funerals; visited the sick as opportunity presented; and frequently catechized the children of some of the Parish and Sunday schools of the city.

Report of the Rev. Thomas Crumpton, Rector of Christ Church, in the city and county of Alleghany, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families &c. uncertain and very fluctuating; baptisms, infants 25; confirmed 13; communicants, added 13, died or removed 13, present number 72; marriages 3; burials 21; public services, on Sundays 102, other days 5, total 107; Sunday school 1, male teachers 4, female teachers 6, total teachers 10; male scholars 30, female scholars 48, total scholars 78; collections, Convention Fund \$13, Missionary Society \$21 50, Poor \$26 65; property other than church building and lot, a burial lot; salary the Clergyman is entitled to receive, \$400 per annum; arrears of salary \$301 87, mostly for former years.

Besides the foregoing services, I officiate twice every Sunday in the Western Penitentiary, and on every week day visit the prisoners from cell to cell, for the purpose of moral and religious instruction.

Report the Rev. T. J. Davis, Rector of the Church of the Resurrection, Philadelphia county, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Baptisms, infants 16; confirmed, no visit from the Bishop; communicants, died or removed 3, present number 14; marriages 2; burials 6.

Since the last report of this parish, the Rector has been more or less engaged in teaching, to which he is obliged to resort for a support,

and to carry on the work for the completion of the church and its inclosure. This has been accomplished within the last year, mainly by the Rector's own labors and expense; because it could not otherwise be done without incurring a debt. Whence, through much hardship and toil, the church has been finished, the lot filled up and inclosed, preserving the apostolic injunction, "Owe no man any thing, but to love one another."

The necessity of having a Rectory, has also led, within the last year, to the undertaking of building. And for this object, about \$1,200 have been raised, under the resolution to adhere strictly to the principle, not to go in debt. The Rectory is not to cost over \$2,000, and the management of the work has been assigned, by the vestry, to the Rector and Wardens, as a building committee. It is already in progress with fine prospects of ultimate success. And from the Christian liberality already manifested and the success attained, the hope is entertained that it will be completed within the present year. The congregation is always respectable, for numbers, though never very large, as this is one of the rare instances where the church stands in the fore-ground.

Report of the Rev. Erastus De Wolf, Missionary of Market Street Mission.

Your Missionary took charge of this station on the first of January, 1854, at the instance of the Rev. J. A. Vaughan, D. D., who commenced it nearly two years previously by organizing a Sunday School. This school, by his counsels and devoted efforts, and the co-operation and assistance of a number of very efficient and pious females, was in a prosperous condition. My first audience consisted of about twelve Sunday School teachers, three other adults, and fifty or sixty scholars. By the Divine blessing upon untiring efforts, the aspect of the Mission has entirely changed. The Sunday School has been greatly enlarged. The congregation at Divine services has also much increased, and assumed the form of a regular Church having a vestry and wardens, and the constant administration of the holy sacraments. This Mission was originated, and is now a mission for the destitute and those estranged from Christ's fold. Its objects are to reclaim the ungodly, and take the stranger, the friendless and the fallen by the hand, and by God's grace lead them to the ark of safety.

During the sixteen months of my charge, I have preached and lectured from three to five times per week; mostly in our large and commodious hall, but not unfrequently in private houses in courts and alleys. The results are such as we trust the Great Head of the Church

will approve and continue to bless. We commenced administering the holy communion about six months since. The number of communicants received by confirmation is twenty. Persons who had formerly been communicants, but from different causes had long since ceased to come to this holy sacrament, wholly or in part, we have received thirty; making the present number fifty. There is good promise that this number may be greatly increased during the coming Conventional year. Our services during the Winter were three each Lord's day; on Wednesday evening lectures and on Saturday evening candidates for confirmation were taught and examined in the catechism, and Christian duties generally. In addition to these services we have had a monthly temperance meeting, which has apparently done much good. Large numbers have attended and nearly two hundred taken the pledge, most of whom we believe have been steadfast.

Communicants 50; baptisms, adults 3, children 68, total 71; marriages 10; burials 30; Sunday Schools 2; infant 1; 1 for older children and youth, whole number 330; in constant attendance 230; teachers, male and female, 40. Eight Sunday School scholars have been received to Communion.

Report of the Rev. William N. Diehl.

The Rev. William N. Diehl respectfully reports to the Bishop of the Diocese, that he has, the past year, as opportunity offered, exercised the functions of his sacred office.

During a part of last Summer and Autumn, he officiated for the Congregation of Trinity Church, Oxford.

He trusts, should his life and health be preserved, that he will be more actively employed during the present year for Christ and his Church.

Report of the Rev. Benjamin Dorr, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, Philadelphia, for the year ending May, 1855.

Congregation, families about 200; baptisms, adults 7, infants 57, total 64; confirmed 28; communicants 386; marriages 10; burials 27; public services twice on each Sunday, in the morning of holy days, daily in Lent and on Wednesday and Friday during the year; children catechized on the last Sunday of each month. Sunday Schools and Bible class, teachers 30, pupils 197; collections, Episcopal Fund \$150; Convention Fund \$56 41; Christmas Fund \$64 84; Advancement

Society \$201 90; Missionary and other purposes \$2895 22, total \$4093 60.

The Church was closed three months last Summer, when repairs and improvements were made at a cost of \$5300.

Report of the Rev. Jacob M. Douglass, Rector of Zion Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults 1, infants 18, total 19; confirmed 1; communicants, died or removed 7, present number 42; communion in private to two sick persons; marriages 3; burials 6; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 80; Sunday school, teachers 4, pupils 90; children catechized frequently; collection for Hospital of the Protestant Episcopal Church \$5, for Convention Fund \$1 50.

Our Sunday school, with the Divine blessing, has increased. We have reason to bless God that the children of families in the vicinity of the Church attend the sanctuary, notwithstanding the neglect of it on the part of their parents. The influence of Zion Church, was felt in that part of Kensington in which it has been instituted, during last winter, when suffering and famishing families applied to her. Temporal and spiritual aid was freely afforded. Would that those who apply to the Church in their adversity, would remember her in their returning prosperity!

But, in the midst of the difficulties attendant on the procuring of a new Church edifice, difficulties augmented by the fact, that all the burdens of the Church are thrown upon the Rector, he can still "thank God and take courage." The pecuniary resources of Zion Church are as submitted to the last Convention.

Report of the Rev. Benjamin J. Douglass, Rector of Christ Church, Towanda, Bradford County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families 50; baptisms, adults 2, infants 5, total 7. There has been during the past year no visitation of the Bishop for the purpose of confirmation, but several are ready for the rite. Burials 7; public services, on Sundays 107, other days 113, total 220; children catechized monthly; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 2, pupils 41, female 1, teachers 8, pupils 53, infant 1, teachers 2, pupils 30, total, schools 3, teachers 12, pupils 124; collections, Episcopal Fund \$10, Convention Fund \$10, Diocesan Missionary Society \$30, Missionary purposes \$135 76, total \$185 76.

Statistics of parish—See Journal of 1854.

Report of the Rev. George C. Drake, Rector of St. James' Church, Muncy, Lycoming County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Families 66, adults 133, children 70, total 203 ; baptisms, adults 8, infants 1, total 4 ; confirmed 9 ; communicants, added 10, died or removed 4, present number 87 ; marriages 5 ; burials 9, at Williamsport 1, total 10 ; public services, on Sundays 80, other days 15, total 95 ; children catechized in Sunday school ; Sunday schools, pupils, male 16, female 32, total 48 ; teachers, male 4, female 6, total 10 ; Bible class, members 14 ; contributions, Convention Fund for 1855 \$8 95, Episcopal Fund \$9 09, (not reported last year \$9 65,) total \$18 74 ; Advancement Society \$11 12, and \$14, total \$25 12 ; Colonization \$10 30, Domestic Missions \$9, Christmas Fund \$8 51, subsequently added \$2, total \$10 51 ; Foreign Missions \$4 contributed by two, \$10 contributed by two, \$1 contributed by one, total \$15 ; for parochial uses \$34 08, total \$131 70.

During the past year, additions have been made to the property owned by the parish. First, a lot, 100 feet front, has been purchased by the parish to enlarge their burial ground. Next, a lot 100 feet by 151, has been purchased for the parish, as a site for the parsonage. Each of these purchases cost \$200, total \$400.

What has been so long held in expectancy ; what the ladies have so diligently toiled for, and yet continue to toil for ; the erection of a parsonage, has been assigned by contract to a member of the parish, who is to receive \$2040 for the parsonage and well, and \$425, for stable, out-buildings, fencing, &c. To meet their engagements, the ladies have about \$1700. The parsonage is to be 33 by 40 feet. Work has already been commenced, and it is intended to have the house ready to be occupied by next Christmas.

In the report of last year, reference was made to a proposal to erect a new church. The design was very generally seconded by the members of the parish, and the subscription soon reached the sum of \$2000, of which one sum of \$500 was the subscription of an excellent, aged female parishioner ; another of \$100, was the subscription of Mrs. Sarah Potter, of Princeton, New Jersey, and a third of \$500, to be equally divided between church and parsonage, was the subscription of Robert Robb, Esq., of Pittsburgh, thus evincing an interest in the church in the place of his nativity, as he has done in the city of his adoption.

Placed as our parish is, in the midst of a rich agricultural and lumbering region, where the mechanic and mercantile trades flourish, it would be a misrepresentation to say that it is not able to give a good if not a liberal salary to its clergyman. But the sum actually sub-

scribed for the year ending March 1st, 1855, was \$199, to which \$15 is to be added as paid without subscribing, making the sum total \$214. The amount of the ensuing year is \$228 50, to be enlarged by further subscriptions.

The arrears of salary, due previous to March, 1854, are \$256 46, of which \$100 is to be released for the relief of the vestry so far if they erect a new church ; or if collected, to be applied to that object. Since that time, the arrears are \$36.

It will be noticed, that we have departed in some instances from the plan of simultaneous collections, although the Rector and his congregation entertain for it a hearty approval. This has been in consequence of pressing parochial exigencies. When these cease, we will return to a compliance with the Episcopal recommendation.

No interest of the parish appears so languishing as the Sunday school. Our hope for its revival is in the Spirit of the Lord of Hosts. The Sunday school at the Muncy Farms, which was suspended in consequence of the ill health of Miss Hall, has been re-commenced as that is improved.

Report of the Rev. Richard B. Duane, Rector of Grace Church, Honesdale, Wayne County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families 73, adults 201, children 125, total 326 ; baptisms, adult 1, infants 6, total 7 ; no confirmation held ; communicants, added 5, removed 1, stricken from the list 2, present number 84 ; marriages 8 ; burials 7 ; public services, on Sundays 100, other days 27, total 127 ; children catechized 180, times 12 ; Sunday school 1, (general,) teachers 16, scholars 130 ; Bible class 1, members 10 ; collections, Convention Fund \$10, Missionary and other purposes, \$3367 35, viz : Diocesan Missionary Society \$50, Domestic Missions (through Episcopal Missionary Association for the West,) \$50, Foreign Missions (of which \$30 from Sunday school, and \$15 privately contributed,) \$95, Bishop White Prayer Book Society \$10, Convention Fund \$10, Wayne County Bible Society \$38, Church Extension \$50, Sewing circle for the poor \$18 58, Evangelical Knowledge Society \$10, Parish purposes (incidental expenses,) \$282 76, money paid by the congregation towards new church building \$2447-41, Ladies' Sewing Circle (for furnishing ditto,) \$175, Communion alms (of which \$15 for Christmas Fund \$130 50, total \$3377 25.

The whole amount raised in the last two years in the parish, towards erecting and furnishing our new church was \$8463 41. The first service held in it was the consecration service on August 2nd, 1854.

The church seats about 400 persons ; and 72 out of the 76 pews are rented. The new Sunday school room in the basement, was first occupied on June 25th, 1854, since which time we have been obliged to enlarge, by the addition of an infant school room. Our school has increased 35 per cent. in the past year.

The "property other than the church building and lot owned by the parish," is a parsonage. There is no debt upon the parish. The "amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive," is \$1000 per annum, with the use of the parsonage, being an increase of \$300 over the salary of last year. The salary is not in arrears.

It is proper to state that the number of persons connected with the parish is no criterion of the number attending upon our services.—Many attend who are not now regularly connected with us. Our congregations are more than double those of last year.

Report of the Rev. Henry W. Ducachet, D.D., Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, children 23, adults 7 ; marriages 12 ; deaths and funerals 24 ; communicants, about 300 ; confirmed 20 ; collections, for the Advancement Society \$802 48, Christmas Fund \$46 36, Convention Fund \$85, Episcopal Fund \$150, offerings for the poor on Thanksgiving-day \$198 41, contributions for the parish school \$375, Domestic Missions \$311 16, total, officially received (besides the communion offerings) \$1968 41 ; whole amount given for missionary purposes \$1213 64.

The parish owes no debt ; and owns property as reported in full, in May, 1850, (see Journal of that year, p. 96,) and in May, 1854, as may be seen in the Journal of that year, p. 97.

Report of the Rev. Charles M. Dupuy.

Since the last Conventional meeting, in consequence of improved health, he has on numerous occasions celebrated Divine Service, administered the Holy Communion and preached fifty-two times.

Report of the Rev. George A. Durborow, Rector of the Church of the Redemption, Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families 180 ; baptisms, adults 3, infants 153, total 156 ; confirmed 18 ; communicants, present number 121 ; marriages

74; burials 91; public services, on Sundays 117, other days 62, total 179; children catechized, times monthly; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 10, pupils 112; female 1, teachers 15, pupils 194, total, schools 2, teachers 25, pupils 306; Bible classes 2, members 21, teachers 2; property, other than the church building and lot, owned by the Parish, none; amount of indebtedness of the Church of the Parish, \$3500 for lot; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$400; arrears of salary, \$64 to April 1st.

I continue my ministrations at the House of Refuge, where the blessings of God seem to rest upon my humble endeavors. I also find my visits to the Foster Home well received, and have reason to believe that they result in great good.

Report of the Rev. Samuel Durborow, late Rector of St. Peter's Church, Phoenixville, Chester county, and St. John's Chapel, Pickering Bridge, for the year ending May 1st, 1866.

Congregation, families 60, adults 150, children 180, total 330; baptisms, adults 2, infants 28, total 30; confirmed 12; communicants added 14, died or removed 5, present number 62; marriages 8; burials 14; public services, on Sundays 108, other days 6, total 114; Sunday schools 2, teachers 24, pupils 180; Bible class 1, pupils 10; collections, Episcopal Fund \$5, Convention Fund \$5, Domestic Missions 5, Foreign Missions \$10, other purposes \$243 33, total \$268 33; no property other than Church building, Chapel and burial lot; amount of indebtedness of the church \$200; amount of salary the Clergyman is entitled to receive, from Church, Chapel and adjacents \$500; arrears of salary none.

Rt. Rev. Sir:—As you are aware, my connection with this Parish was dissolved on the 1st of April last; but as the pulpit is still vacant, I cheerfully acceded to the request of the Wardens in sending to you the accompanying report.

"*St. Peter's Church*," though somewhat affected by the pressure of the times, is still in a healthy and prosperous condition, the morning service was continued here without interruption until the 1st of April.

"*St. John's Chapel, Pickering Bridge*." This is located in the region of the lead and copper mines, and was designed chiefly for the accommodation of the miners. Services have been held regularly on Sunday afternoon in this little Sanctuary. Although the congregation has greatly diminished, in consequence of the removals, still what was lacking in numbers, was more than made up by the increased zeal of those that remained.

"Yellow Springs." During the watering season Divine service was held every Sunday evening in the drawing room, as during the previous season. I would take this opportunity of acknowledging the many kind attentions to me personally, and the substantial tokens of their interest in our solemn and impressive services on the part of the visitors.

Report of the Rev. Samuel Durberow, Rector of the church of the Evangelists, Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families 75, adults 200, children 250, total 450; baptisms, adults 6, infants 41, total 47; confirmed 19; communicants, added 24, died or removed 7, present number 107; marriages 14; burials 12; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 40, total 144; children catechized 12; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 9, pupils 65; female 1, teachers 14, pupils 100; infant 1, teachers 5, pupils 90; total schools 3, teachers 28, pupils 255; Bible classes 2, members 40, teachers 2; collections, Episcopal Fund \$6, Convention Fund \$6, Missionary and other purposes \$129 57, paid debt on church lot 192, total 321 57; property other than the Church building and lot owned by the Parish, none; amount of indebtedness of the church of the Parish, nothing; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive, \$600; arrears of salary, none.

Through the kind assistance of the Rev. William Huckel, late Rector, I have been enabled to prepare the accompanying report of the Parish for the year past.

The church is in a prosperous condition, being entirely free from debt, and the congregation steadily improving.

In order to keep pace with the wonderful growth of this section of the city, a much larger place of worship, than that which we now occupy, is needed. May the Lord bestow upon our own people, and upon the friends of the church, a spirit of liberality, so that we may be prepared shortly to "rise up and build."

Report of the Rev. Joseph J. Elsegood, Rector of Trinity Church, Easton, Northampton County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Baptisms, infants 13; confirmed 2; communicants, added 13, removed with commendatory letters to other parishes 8, died 2, present number 61; marriages 11; burials 10; public services, on Sundays

96, on other days 42, total 138; Sunday schools 1, pupils 400, teachers 9, children catechized regularly in Sunday School monthly.

Collections, Christmas Fund for disabled clergymen \$10 85, Convention Fund \$6, Domestic Missions \$6 61, Bishop White Prayer Book Society \$5, Female Prayer Book Society \$4, Sunday school \$15, special relief fund for the poor \$32, Church improvement and other purposes \$266 34, total \$345 79.

Report of the Rev. Rees C. Evans, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Doylestown, and Trinity Church, Centreville, Bucks County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families 16, adults 81, children 36, total 67; baptisms, adult 1, infant 1, total 2; confirmed 2; communicants 9, added 1, removed 1, present number 9; burials 3; public services, 62; Sunday school 1, teachers 3, pupils 30.

In addition to the public services in the Church every Lord's day morning, and on every third Sunday night in the month, a weekly meeting has been held at my house.

Amount of indebtedness of the Church, about \$200.

TRINITY CHURCH, CENTREVILLE.

Congregation, families 10, adults 25, children 35, total 60; present number of communicants 11; burials 2; public services 49; Sunday schools 2, teachers, male 1, female 6, total 7; pupils 102; Bible class 1, members 10.

One of the Sunday school scholars has been removed by death. In my last report I omitted to mention that previous to the last Convention, two persons received the rite of confirmation.

One Sunday school is taught in the Church, the other is taught a few miles from the Church, near Centre Bridge, in a private house, and numbers over sixty scholars. It is taught by a communicant of the Church, aided by a young relation. The school began with three scholars a few years ago, and has kept on increasing until it has exceeded the most sanguine expectations.

The salary for both Churches is \$600.

Report of the Rev. George G. Field, Rector of Emmanuel Church, Holmesburg, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families 54, adults 143, children 97, total 240; bap-

tisms, adults 8, infants 19, total 22; confirmed 4; communicants, added 4, died or removed 4, present number 73; marriages 3; burials 11; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 86, total 190; schools 2, teachers 9, pupils 107; parish school, teacher 1, pupils 30; Bible class 1, members 8, teachers 1; collections, Episcopal fund \$11 74, Convention fund \$7 52, Christmas fund \$23 80, Parish Sunday school \$24 61, Church hospital \$27 19, Domestic Missions \$47 21, Foreign Missions \$24 06, Church building \$19 67, other purposes \$80 50, total \$266 30.

Statistics of Parish same as by previous reports.

The Parish School not so prosperous as formerly, is still kept alive through the voluntary services and earnest zeal of a member of the congregation.

The outward growth of the parish seems at present to be checked and limited, by the narrow dimensions of the church building. Our efforts to erect a new one not having yet proved successful.

Report of the Rev. George C. Foote, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Whitmarsh, Montgomery County, for the year ending May 1, 1855.

Congregation, families 45, adults 106, children 60, total 166; baptisms, adults 8, infants 8, total 16; confirmed 18; communicants, added 15; marriages 2; burials 2; public services, on Sundays 100, other days 128, total 228; morning prayer daily; children catechized every Sunday with few exceptions; Sunday Schools, male 1, teacher 1, pupils 19; female 1, teachers 4, pupils 19; Bible class 1, members 11, teacher 1; collections, Episcopal Fund \$3, Convention Fund \$2 47, Society Advancement of Christianity \$17, Missionary and other purposes \$65, total \$87 47. This does not include the regular offering on Sunday for parish purposes, or alms for the poor.

The parish has bought within the last month a house adjoining the Church lot, for a parsonage. The church is out of debt; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$600, (\$200 being paid by the Advancement Society) with a parsonage; no arrears.

Report of the Rev. B. Franklin, Rector of St. John's Church, N. L., Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults 7, infants 17, total 24; confirmed 11; communi-

cants, added 14, died or removed 5, present number 144; marriages 6; burials 8; public services twice every Sunday, once on all holy days, twice weekly in Lent, twice daily in Passion week, and every Wednesday evening from October to May; children catechized monthly; Sunday Schools, teachers 15, pupils 106, infant, teachers 5, pupils 78, total schools 2, teachers 20, pupils 184.

Collections, Convention Fund \$1286, Indian Missions \$40, Charitable and Missionary purposes \$362 92, total \$415 78.

The *free-system* is combined with the *pew-rental*, and found to work well in this congregation, some of the best pews in the Church being held by persons who contribute from Sunday to Sunday according to their means and conscience. In addition to the sums reported above, this congregation has *itself alone*, contributed this year to parochial objects \$1505 86; making collections proper above pew-rents for all purposes \$1921 64. A part of this money has been expended in fencing and improving the grounds, so that the old and neglected appearance of former years has entirely passed away.

Report of the Rev. William G. French, Rector of Trinity Church, Bradford County, for the year ending May 1, 1855.

Congregation, families 9, adults 14, children 16, total 30; of adults who attend regularly aside from those just mentioned we have 8; of irregulars no definite number; average attendance 40 to 50. There are eight denominations in a town of 900 inhabitants. Baptisms, adult 1, candidate 1, children 7, total 8; confirmed 1, candidates 5; communicants, added 1 (by confirmation), from abroad 6, and 5 to be admitted on the visitation of the Bishop, died 2, present number when all are confirmed 19, only 1 male; marriage 1; burials 3; public services on Sundays 127, once on Good Friday (we have no Church building), 1 in Waverly, total 129; children catechized on Sundays, as many as were sent, but not in public. Children, several attending other Sunday Schools, coming regularly at first—but soon falling off from outward *influence*, if not *forced* away.

Sunday Schools have not been formed,—no person to superintend and no teachers. The only competent teacher is in poor health, and the prospect of my stay has been so uncertain, and my time so occupied in teaching for a support and without a Church building, that I have neglected to form any Sunday School to this time. Bible class not formed for same reason, another may do it with all the other labor required; under present circumstances I cannot.

Collections, non esave communion offerings, \$31 68, expended on parish poor chiefly.

The Church owns no property ; salary promised \$175, arrears \$125.

Report of the Rev. J. G. Furey, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Springville, Sen-
quehanna County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

My connexion with this parish commenced on April 1st, 1854, and from that date my report *properly* begins, as no services were reported before.

Families in the parish 48, adults 100, children 50 ; baptisms, adults 3, infant 1, total 4 ; confirmed 1 ; communicants, added 3, present number 56 ; marriage 1 ; burials 2 ; public services, on Sundays 100, other days 20, total 120 ; children catechized 50, times monthly ; Sunday school, teachers 10, pupils 60 ; Bible class (taught by the Rector, on Wednesday evening of each week,) 1, members 12 ; collections, for religious, benevolent and parish purposes \$100.

The parish owns, besides the church building and lot, a parsonage and about half an acre of ground used as a garden. The indebtedness of the parish is small and will, we hope, soon be liquidated. My salary, (which is \$200 per annum, and the use of the parsonage, equal to \$40,) is always paid on the day it becomes due.

In both temporal and spiritual matters, the parish is apparently prosperous. There are 8 persons here waiting for confirmation, and we trust that God will awaken many more to a sense of their duty in this respect before the end of another year.

Report of the Rev. Kingston Goddard, Rector of the Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families about 250 ; baptisms, adults 8, children 23, total 31 ; confirmed 17 ; communicants, present number 250 ; marriages 7 ; burials 28 ; public services, on Sundays twice a day ; other days : the weekly lecture and Lenten services, Christmas-day and Thanksgiving-days. There is also a Wednesday evening Bible class conducted by the members of the congregation for mutual edification and improvement. It works well and is decidedly beneficial. The evening of the first Monday in each month is devoted to a missionary meeting, a lecture generally being delivered by the Rector. Children catechized, the church catechism is a text book in the Sunday school ;

Sunday schools, male teachers 21, pupils 200, female 80, pupils 300, infants 2, pupils 100, Bible class, male 1, pupils 12, females taught by Rector 35, total, teachers 54, pupils 647; collections, Episcopal Fund \$25, Convention Fund \$25, contributions to Missions by Sunday schools \$200, Church income \$3300, Communion collection \$400, Organ fund \$2000, balance payment of debt \$1600, through Missionary Society \$1215 85, total \$8765 85.

Our Dorcas Society continues actively engaged during the winter months, providing the poor with hundreds of garments and the children of the Sunday school with garments and shoes. Indebtedness of parish \$10,000 on ground rent. Amount of salary of Rector \$2000, paid.

A large and new organ, at a cost of \$4000, has been lately placed in the church, built by H. Erben, of New York. This instrument is pronounced, by good judges, to be unsurpassed as a church organ by any in the city, and equalled by few. Of it the eminent builder may well feel proud.

Report of the Rev. James B. Goodwin, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Ohio Township, and Georgetown Church, Beaver County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, OHIO TOWNSHIP.

Baptisms, infants 2; communicants, present number 41; burial 1; public services, on Sundays 20.

GEORGETOWN CHURCH, GEORGETOWN.

Baptisms, infants 2; confirmed 2; communicants, present number 21; marriages 2; burial 1; public services, on Sundays 44.

There is no property other than the church buildings and lots owned by the parishes; these are free from debt. No stated salary is pledged by the congregations. The amount received the past year, about \$100.

Report of the Rev. R. D. Hall.

Marriages 2; sermons 61; baptisms, infants 3; burials 4. Since his appointment as Chaplain to the Episcopal Hospital in January last, he has officiated frequently on Sundays and week-days, and has discovered the importance of the ministry in that benevolent Institution of the Church.

Report of the Rev. N. S. Harris, Rector of St. Paul's church, Chester, Delaware County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Baptisms, adults 2, infants 20, total 22; confirmed 8; communicants, added 14, died or removed 9, present number 76; marriages 6; burials 10; public services, on Sundays 100, other days 10, total 110; children catechized every Sunday; Sunday schools, male and female teachers 17, pupils 115; infant, teachers 1, pupils 85, total, teachers 15, pupils 200; Bible class, teacher 1, pupils 8; collections, Convention Fund \$7 83, Episcopal Fund \$6 61, Missionary and other purposes \$175 56, total \$190; salary \$700; arrears \$100.

Report of the Rev. John K. Helmuth, Assistant to the Rector of the Church of St. James the Less, Philadelphia.

I have to report that during the past year, I have been engaged in teaching in the Hall of St. James the Less. I have endeavored also, as far as I could, to work among the poor of the parish; I have paid a large number of parish visits and I trust with some good result.— When I began the work there was no record of any kind whatever in the parish, save of those baptized and a list of communicants. I have made very nearly a complete record as the report of the parish will show. In regard to other services I have to report:

Baptisms, children 3; burials, children 2; public services, on Sundays 106, other days 517, total 621; I have preached 38 times since October; have assisted in the Holy Communion 51 times; I have superintended and questioned the children of the Sunday school on every Sunday throughout the year, and have catechized the children of the parish several times in the absence of the Rector. I have no salary from the Church.

Report of the Rev. Wm. Hilton, Rector of St. Paul's church, Kittanning, Armstrong county, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Baptisms, adult 1, infants 19, total 20; confirmed 23; communicants, added 9, died or removed 5, present number 92; marriages 3; burials 9; public services, on Sundays 94, other days 10, total 104; children catechized regularly in Sunday school; Sunday school 1, teachers 10, pupils 74; Bible class 1, members 25, taught by the Rector; collections, Convention Fund \$4 40, Diocesan Missionary Society \$40, Missionary and other purposes \$125 62, total \$170 02;

property other than the church building and lot owned by the parish, none; amount of indebtedness of the church of the parish \$550; amount of salary the Clergyman is entitled to receive, \$400; arrears of salary, \$45 50.

For the last year this parish has had, for the first time since its organization, some thirty or thirty-five years ago, the whole time and service of its Rector. This arrangement has, through the Divine blessing, been the means of increasing the number of the congregation, and at the present time the state of the parish is very encouraging.

Our weekly lecture, on Thursday evenings, has been well attended, especially by the young, who are the hope of the church, during the winter and spring; and from the devout attention, and earnest heed paid to the things which belong to their eternal peace, it is hoped that some of the seed has fallen on good ground, and will, in due time, bring forth the peaceable fruits of righteousness in their lives.

I have also been much gratified at the more than usual interest manifested by our Bible Class, in the study of the word of God. It is believed, that, through the influence of the Holy Spirit, the affections of many a youthful heart has "suddenly been fixed where true joys are to be found," from this feeble effort to win souls to Christ, and build them up in the knowledge of the way of salvation.

Our Sunday school has also been in full operation during the past year, and though not very large, the attendance of both teachers and pupils has been good, and the teachers seem to take a deep interest in the work in which they are engaged.

Our Female Missionary Society, which was organized about sixteen months ago, is still in operation, though the exceedingly hard times have somewhat lessened the amount of its contributions. During the first year of its existence, it contributed fifty-five dollars to the funds of the Parent Society.

Report of the Rev. M. Hirst, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Minersville, Schuylkill County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families 15, adults 40; baptisms, infants 40; confirmed 8; communicants, removed 4, present number 20; marriages 16; burials 10; public services, on Sundays 52, other days 10, total 60; Sunday school 1, teachers 5, pupils 50; collections, Missionary and other purposes \$35, Convention Fund \$2, total \$37.

The parish owns no property except the church edifice; it is free from debt; amount of clergyman's salary \$200. There are no arrears.

Report of the Rev. B. S. Huntington, Principal of Aston Ridge Seminary.

I have to report, with humble gratitude, the continuance of the Divine favor and blessing on my field of labor. The prosperity of the school has exceeded that of any former year. A serious interest in religion has been manifested by nearly all the pupils. Three have been confirmed, two baptized, one added to the communion, and others expect to be confirmed in their own parishes.

I have officiated as follows :—At the Seminary, sermons 70 ; lectures and addresses at family worship 180 ; at Media, sermons 20, in other places 18 ; burial 1, at Rockdale ; baptisms, adult 1, at Chester ; collections at the Seminary for Missionary and charitable objects, about \$70.

The services at Media have been held in the court-house, and well attended. About \$1800 have been contributed from various sources for building a church, a most important enterprise, in view of the attractions of the place as a summer residence, and its moral influence as the new county seat.

Report of the Rev. John T. Huntington.

The Rev. John T. Huntington reports that during the past year he has been performing the duties of Assistant Minister at St. James' Church, Philadelphia.

Report of the Rev. Edward C. Jones.

During the past conventional year I have been employed in the same worthy cause which for six years has occupied my time and thoughts. Increasing experience but justifies the conviction that ministrations among the Insane exert a very remedial influence. During the past year a very large number of the insane connected with the Blockley Almshouse has been benefitted both spiritually and intellectually by the quiet services of the Church. In the Children's Asylum my success has been very agreeable. A thorough indoctrination of the scholars (amounting to 1500 in the past year,) in the truths and facts of Revelation has produced good fruit in many of them. Order, seriousness, gentleness, and Christian conduct, are the traits frequently evinced as a proof of the Divine blessing. I can but express the hope that so good a cause, which for the past eight months has received no support from our city churches, may not be allowed to languish and decline, when its claims are so legitimate and sacred.

Report of the Rev. Norris M. Jones, Rector of St. Bartholomews's Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults 4, infants 41, total 45; funerals 3; marriages 5; Sunday school pupils 250.

Fifty-nine poor families, comprising 224 persons, besides a number of individual cases of destitution, have been assisted and relieved, chiefly from our own resources.

After many delays, the Church edifice is nearly finished, and we expect to open it for public worship in July next. Its cost will be about \$13,000, and it will be entirely free from debt. The Church lot is a donation to us.

It is now over six years since this parish was organized. We had not a dollar pledged to us to begin with, nor was there known to be more than *one* family in the neighborhood (which is sparsely populated) connected with the Church. When the Church is opened, there will be nearly 100 families ready to attend it. About 400 children and youth, from 250 families, have been instructed in the Church catechism and liturgy, and make the responses as well, and sing the chants and anthems of the Church as well, as is done in most of our old city congregations. Into all of these families the prayer-book has been introduced.

Much more could have been accomplished had the Rector had any one to assist him, either of the Clergy or Laity. For what he has been able to effect, he returns his unfeigned thanks to Almighty God.

Report of the Rev. B. B. Killikelly, D. D., for the Parish of St. Michael's, Wayne township, Armstrong County, and Mission therewith connected, to the 29th of March, 1855.

Congregation, families 76; baptisms, infants 24, confirmed 43; communicants, added 18, died 5, removed 12, present number 101; marriages 2; burials 5; public services on Sundays 78, other days 9, total 82; Sunday School not re-opened for the Spring; property other than Church, &c., none; indebtedness none; amount of salary the clergyman ought to have received \$180, arrears of salary \$69.

The last return of the families composing my mission, included eight at the Great Western Iron Works, since relinquished to the Rector of St. Peter's, Butler. These, with five that have removed, would have made 89, thirteen however having been added still gives the total of 76, as last reported. Fifty-nine persons at the different points of my mission, were ready and desirous of confirmation; but owing to the

distance to be travelled and from other causes, I could only present 43 at the Bishop's visitation last Autumn. It is perhaps worthy of remark that nine candidates from one of the Missionary stations walked, on the evening appointed for confirmation, a distance of twelve miles, and after receiving that holy rite walked home the same evening, to be in time for the next day's labor.

Finding that the exposure and labor incidental to this portion of the vineyard began to wear me down, I was induced to relinquish it, and a well-established female boarding-school, to a young and zealous brother, the Rev. William H. Carter, of New York, and to accept a call to the united parishes of All Saint's, Paradise, and Christ Church, Leacock, Lancaster county, to date from 1st of April, 1855, a report for which parishes for the short time I have been in charge is subjoined.

ALL SAINT'S CHURCH, PARADISE.

Number of families last reported 36, removed 4, added 1, present number 33; baptism, infant 1; communicants not exactly ascertained; marriage 1; burial 1; public services, on Sundays 6, other days 1; Sunday School 1, teachers 10, pupils 40; collections, Episcopal Fund \$4 54, Convention Fund \$5 10, Society Advancement of Christianity \$10 03, other purposes \$25 36, total \$45 03.

Property other than Church, &c., none; I am happy to be able, in this my first report for this parish, to state through its worthy Senior Warden, that it is free from debt. The amount of salary pledged is \$300, $\frac{1}{4}$ th of which has been kindly advanced.

CHRIST CHURCH, LEACOCK.

Number of families last reported 37, removed 3, added 1, present number 35; communicants not accurately ascertained; Sunday School 1, teachers 8, pupils 39; collections, Episcopal Fund \$2 19, Convention Fund \$2 72, other purposes \$189 45, total \$194 36; Property other than Church, &c., none; indebtedness none; salary \$150.

The attendance on public worship has been good thus far, and the kindly welcome which has been every where extended to him, satisfies the Rector that he has come among a warm-hearted people, in whose behalf he is most willing to labor. The orderly observance of the Church service and devout manner of the Congregation, show that they have been trained by "a master in Israel."

Report of the Rev. George Kirke, Rector of St. John's Church, New London, and St. James', West Marlborough.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, NEW LONDON.

Congregation, families about 17; baptisms, children 2; communicants 23; confirmed 2; burials 4; public services with sermons, on the Lord's day 26, other days 8, total 34; children catechized 6 times; Sunday School 1, teachers 4, pupils 20; Bible class 1, members 8; collections, Episcopal Fund \$2 30, Convention Fund \$2 50, Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society \$2 60, Diocesan Missionary Society \$2 76, Bible Society \$2 72½, Parochial purposes \$6, total \$18 91½.

Church property as stated in the report of the preceding year. The pew-rents amounting to \$65, have been promptly paid, with some generous Christmas donations in addition.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, WEST MARLBOROUGH.

Services, with sermons on the Lord's day 25, other days 3, total 28; communicants 2; collections, Convention Fund 64 cts., Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society \$1 02, Prayer-Book Society \$1 54, Evangelical Knowledge Society \$1, Parochial purposes \$2 27, total \$6 47. Church property in all respects unchanged.

The Minister of the above-mentioned parishes, has also had 26 services with sermons on the Lord's day, at the Prison of the County; and 26 at the County Poor House, and has made 66 visits to prisoners in their cells in the former place, and 93 to the sick in their rooms in the latter. He has likewise during the year preached near Romansville and at other places 39 times; baptized 2 infants and 1 adult; solemnized 2 marriages, and officiated at 3 funerals.

Report of the Rev. Edmund Leaf, Rector of Christ Church, Pottstown, St. Gabriel's, Morlatton, and St. Michael's, Birdsboro'.

CHRIST CHURCH, POTTSTOWN.

Congregation, families 36, adults 120, children 40, total 160; baptisms, adults 2, infants 10, total 12; confirmed 2; communicants, added 8, died or removed 2, present number 51; marriages 2; burials 2; public services, on Sundays 90, other days 18, total 108; Sunday school, male teachers 4, female teachers 9, pupils 80; collections, Church Hospital \$11, Christmas Fund \$8, Church building \$15, Missionary and other purposes \$168 81, total \$202 81; salary \$400.

ST. GABRIEL'S CHURCH, MORLATTON.

Congregation, families 45, adults 250, children 70, total 320 ; baptisms, adults 4, infants 8, total 12 ; confirmed 15 ; communicants, added 15, died or removed 4, present number 72 ; marriages 4 ; burials 10 ; public services, on Sundays 36, other days 16, total 52 ; Sunday school, male teachers 6, female 11, male pupils 51, female 65, total teachers 17, pupils 116 ; collections, Missionary and other purposes \$40 50 ; salary \$150.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, BIRDSBORO'.

Congregation, families 25, adults 100, children 50, total 150 ; baptisms, adults 2, infants and children 8, total 10 ; confirmed 5 ; communicants, added 4, removed 2, present number 14 ; marriage 1 ; burials 2 ; public services, on Sundays 38, other days 4, total 42 ; Sunday school, male teachers 4, female 6, total 10 ; pupils 54 ; collections, Missionary \$20, cost of Bell & Fence for Church lot \$500, total \$520, salary \$150.

The number of communicants above reported will be increased by the admission of the persons recently confirmed.

Report of the Rev. M. C. Lightner, Rector of the Parish of Christ Church, Reading, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families 181, adults 384, children 246, total 630 ; baptisms, adults 7, infants 29, total 36 ; confirmed 26, including 1 in Washington, 2 in Burlington and 1 in Douglasville ; marriages 6 ; burials 11 ; public services, on Sundays 125, other days 89, total 214 ; Sunday schools, teachers, male 11, female 15 ; pupils, male 82, female 85, total, teachers 26, pupils 167 ; Bible class, female 20 ; collections, Episcopal Fund \$17 88, Convention Fund \$13 25, Poor \$147 48, Missionary and other purposes \$372 86, total \$551 47. Statistics of Parish same as last year.

Report of the Rev. Samuel T. Lord, Missionary in Crawford County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

During the past year I have regularly officiated in the following places in this county, and have rendered the following services in them, viz : Conneautville 24 times, Richmond and Woodcock each 11 times, Shermansville 21 times, and Riceville 12 times. Three times I have

officiated in Vernon, and in Meadville I have assisted in the services 9 times, and preached 4 times.

Besides these services, I have visited Oakland in Venango County, twice, officiated three times, and baptized one infant; and Franklin, in the same County, once, officiated once, and baptized one infant. Twice during the year I have visited Clarksville, in Mercer County, officiated three times, and baptized one infant; and once I visited Findlay Township, in the same County, and baptized ten children. These are all places where our services would be well received and might be usefully given. The last of these places mentioned is a rural district, inhabited chiefly by Irish families, many of whom have been born and baptized in the Church, and might be retained or brought back, and nourished up in the Church, could they be regularly visited by a faithful, energetic and prudent Missionary.

Baptisms, infants 14; confirmations, none, though three are awaiting that sacred rite, one in Clarksville, one in Franklin, and one in Oakland; communicants 27; public services, on Sundays 85, other times 12, total 97; collections, in Conneautville for the Female Prayer Book Society \$2.

In Oakland Township, Venango County, arrangements have been made by which about twelve acres of land will be deeded to the Corporation of "the Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania," whenever I can visit that neighborhood; to be held in trust for the use of a Protestant Episcopal Congregation, in said Oakland Township: five acres of said land to be a donation from the venerable Thomas Moffit, (who has long been nearly blind,) his two sons, Robert and Richard Moffit, and David McElhany, the rest of it to be paid for by myself, at the rate of ten dollars per acre. I have borrowed means and paid for six acres, thus making the matter certain, and shall endeavor to visit them soon and complete the entire arrangement. To church-members must I look for means to refund what I have thus borrowed and become rasble for.

Report of Rev. Edward Lounsbury, Rector of St. Jude's Church, Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Number of families, about 100; baptisms, adults 5, infants 10, total 15; confirmed 17; communicants, added 57, removed 5, present number 105; marriages 2; burials 8; public services, on Sundays 115, on other days 45, total 160; Sunday school, male 1, teachers 11, pupils 85; female 1, teachers 13, pupils 90, total teachers 24,

pupils 175 ; Bible classes 2, teachers 2, pupils 25 ; collections, Episcopal Fund \$12, Convention Fund \$7, Foreign Missions \$37 56, Domestic Missions \$38 56, Episcopal Hospital \$30, Christian Fund \$16, Sunday schools \$50, Communion Fund \$172 17, for Missionary and other purposes, (of which by Sunday schools \$75, by Ladies Mite Society \$200,) \$345 55, total \$708 84.

The parish owns no property other than the church edifice, which, in its present unfinished state, has cost a little over \$13,000, and is free from debt.

Rector's salary \$1200, which, with *model promptness*, is always punctually paid in advance.

Report of the Rev. Edward L. Lycett, Rector of Bangor Church, Churchtown, Lancaster county, and St. Thomas' Church, Morgantown, Berks county.

BANGOR CHURCH, CHURCHTOWN.

Families and parts of families 28, adults 70, children 30 ; baptisms, infants 3 ; communicants, added 2, present number 18, died or removed since last report 17 ; burials 1 ; Sunday services 53, other days 2 ; Sunday schools, teachers 4, scholars 50, collections, Diocesan Missionary Association \$10, Foreign Missions \$33 50, Convention Fund \$4 50, total \$48 ; salary \$300, no arrears.

The undersigned took charge of this parish, as Deacon, Easter, 1854. From records on hand it has evidently once been a flourishing country Parish. Death—but more especially removals—have now thinned the Parish to a very great extent ; within a comparatively short period, no less than twelve influential families having gone from the neighborhood. The Parish has been compelled thus to unite with St. Thomas' Church, Morgantown. The present Rector has formed an adult Bible Class, which has been well attended throughout the winter. He has also preached at school-houses and other places, on week days, upon an average three times a month, throughout the year.

The attendance on public worship, as well as at these more social services is, in proportion to the congregation, very good. I have been provided (in addition to my salary,) with a fine house and garden, and have received besides very substantial aid from members of the Parish.

ST. THOMAS', MORGANTOWN.

Families and parts of families 40, adults 120, children 60 ; baptisms, infant 1 ; confirmed 1 ; communicants, added 1, present num-

ber 30 ; marriage 1 ; burials 4 ; public services, on Sunday 48, other days 2 ; Sundays schools, teachers 8, scholars 70 ; collections, Diocesan Missionary Association \$5, for Missions \$6 50, Convention Fund \$3, Ministers salary \$200. I have received in addition \$50 from individuals for my own use.

There is a parsonage belonging to this Parish, now yielding a rent of \$100 per annum. There is a trifling debt yet remaining upon it which will soon be paid off. We are encouraged in this Parish by an increased attendance on the public services, and at Easter of the present year several of the pews were rented in addition to those already taken.

The Rector has an Adult Bible Class through the week, for about six months during the year, the members of which attend regularly, and appear to be both interested and profited.

Report of the Rev. James Gilborne Lyons, LL. D., West Haverford, Delaware county, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

During the past year, the Rev. Dr. Lyons has officiated and preached in public on several occasions. He has also many times taken a part in administering the Holy Communion. He has read the full morning service, with a sermon, in his own school-room, each Sunday, while the school was in session, and he has always devoted a portion of that day to the Scriptural and Catechetical instruction of his pupils.

Report of the Rev. J. Gordon Maxwell, Rector of Emmanuel church, Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Baptisms, adults 3, infants 23, total 26 ; confirmed 17 ; communicants, added 71, present number 271 ; marriages 6 ; burials 5 ; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 52, total 156 ; children catechized from 200 to 300, times, monthly, openly in the church ; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 11, pupils 93 ; female teachers 13, pupils 122 ; infant 1, teachers 3, pupils 55 ; schools 2, teachers 27, pupils 270 ; Bible classes 2, members 47, teachers 2 ; collections, Episcopal Fund \$15, Convention Fund 5, Diocesan Missionary Society \$110, Missionary and other purposes \$328, total \$558 ; amount of salary the Clergyman is entitled to receive, \$1000 ; arrears of salary, \$94 75.

The congregation is engaged at present in enlarging its church edifice, at an expense of some \$10,000, and this in conjunction with the severity of the times, will explain the falling off in Missionary and other contributions.

Report of the Rev. J. J. McElhinny, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families 30, total members 130; Baptisms, adult 4, infants 7, total 11; confirmed 6; communicants, added 7, removed 3, present number 44; marriages 2; burials 6; public services, on Sundays 87, other days 3, total 90; Sunday school, male and female 1, teachers 15, pupils 100, catechized monthly; collections, Christmas fund \$1 75, Diocesan Missionary Society \$35, other objects \$4 65, total \$41 40; salary \$250, paid in full.

Report of the Rev. George D. Miles, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Wilkesbarr, Luzerne County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families about 100, adults 229, children 195, total 424; baptisms, adults 3, infants 21, total 24; confirmed 10; communicants, added 7, died or removed 3, present number 106; marriages 4; burials 17; public services, on Sundays 106, other days 47, total 153; I have also preached at places in the neighborhood, at convocations, &c., making in all 167 sermons; the children have been catechized upon an average once a month; one general Sunday school, scholars 125, teachers 16; one branch Sunday school at South Wilkesbarr, scholars 60, teachers 12; infant school, scholars 60, teacher 1, total under instruction 260, teachers 31; Bible classes 2, members 15, teachers 2; collections, Episcopal fund \$20, Convention fund \$15, Missionary Society \$50, Missionary and other purposes \$549 61, total \$634 61.

The following are the other objects for which appropriations have been made: Foreign Missions \$228 02 (of this sum \$128 02 was raised by the Sunday school, and \$100 of which was collected in nineteen Sundays, for the mission school building at Buchanan, West Africa). Church building \$70, Theological Seminary, Va. \$25, Prayer book societies \$16, Domestic Missions (through Missionary associations for the West,) \$50, Christmas fund \$25, Sunday school purposes \$37-50, convocation purposes \$10, Evangelical Knowledge Society \$27 20, Communion offertory \$60 89.

Property other than the Church building and lot owned by the Parish, a lot for parsonage, the cost of which was about \$1000; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$850; no arrears.

The new Church was consecrated on Thursday, April 19th. A description of the building was given in the last report. The cost of the building was about \$11,000. The furnishing and finishing, including

the organ and the fence, will amount to \$2500 more, making the whole cost \$13,500, within a few dollars. We are indebted for its early completion, to a temporary loan from a few friends in Philadelphia, which has been individually assumed, and the larger portion of it has already been provided for in the sale and disposal of pews. The most of the amount for furnishing has been raised by the Ladies' Society of the parish, which has been aided by some generous donations of particular articles from individual friends.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, PITTSBURGH.

Twenty-two services have been held in this parish during the past conventional year. There are from 20 to 25 families either identified with, or expressing a preference for, our Church; communicants 7; baptisms, adult 1, infants 5, total 6; marriages 2; Sunday school, children 50, teachers 9.

The services are rendered voluntarily by the Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Wilkesbarre, but the congregation have recently made the liberal donation of \$127. Efforts will be made this present year to build a Church, assistance for which will be asked from abroad. \$600 are already subscribed in the borough.

PLYMOUTH, LUZERNE COUNTY.

No regular organization has been effected, but six services have been held during the past conventional year. There are 10 or 12 families attending, and the number will be increased as soon as a church building is erected. The sum of \$1300 has already been subscribed in the town for this purpose; and aid for this effort will also be asked from abroad. When the position of these places is understood, being in the midst of the great coal region of Pennsylvania, and increased yearly by a population drawn here by the opening trade, there is great confidence that what we need will be secured. There are 4 communicants here (attached at present to St. Stephen's Church, Wilkesbarre, though the families are not enumerated in the report of that Church).

Report of the Rev. D. S. Miller, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Frankford, Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregations, families 145; baptisms, adults 11, infants 20, total

31; confirmed 89; communicants, added 52, died, removed and dropped from former list because not found in two years past, 11, making present number of communicants 160; marriages 2; burials 27; public services, Sunday services 111, week-day services 88, total 199; children catechized monthly; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 12, pupils 95; female 1, teachers 16, pupils 125; infant 1, teachers 2, pupils 125; total schools 3, teachers 30, pupils 345; Bible classes 3, members 56; collections, Episcopal and Convention funds \$20, Diocesan Missionary Society \$100, other missionary and charitable objects \$824 75, other church purposes \$1059, total, \$2003 75; property as before reported; indebtedness of Church, none; salary \$800, arrears none.

The Parish has been much favored during the past year in both temporal and spiritual growth. The attendance upon the extra and week day services has been very encouraging. Much interest appears to be felt in religious things. There is a constant inquiry for pews by families who have to be refused.

Report of the Rev. George Mintzer, Rector of the Parish of St. James' Church, Perkiomen, Montgomery County.

Congregations, families about 63, adults 250, children 125, total 375; baptisms, children 13; communicants, added 4, died 2, present number 78; marriages 4; burials 3; confirmed 4; children catechized in the church and also in the Sunday school; public services, on Sundays 52, other days 5, total 57; Sunday school, teachers 8, pupils 60; collection, Episcopal Fund \$5, Convention Funds \$6 83, Missionary \$10, Christmas \$5 37, Bishop White Prayer Book Society \$6, total \$38 20. The property owned by the Parish is a Parsonage, with about fifty acres of land, free from debt. The amount of salary the Clergyman is entitled to receive \$800; amount in arrears for repairs and tax for the Parsonage \$100 60.

The Rector continues to perform Divine Service as heretofore at the Union Church, every Sunday afternoon, to quite an interesting congregation. This Church is principally indebted for its support to the generosity of one benevolent family, whose pious ancestor originally erected the building in which we worship. May they be long spared to cherish this enterprise commenced for the glory of God, and which has already been a rich blessing to many in the community; and here may the comfortable gospel of Christ be truly preached and truly received for many generations to come. Nine of the baptisms reported above were performed in this Church. For services here he receives \$800.

Report of the Rev. W. W. Montgomery, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Sunbury, St. Mark's, Northumberland, and Christ Church, Milton, Northumberland County.

Congregation, families 22, adults 53, children 38, total 91; baptisms, infants 5, total 5; confirmed 2; communicants 25; marriages 3; burials 7; public services, on Sundays 45, other days 32, total 77; Sunday school 1, teachers 8, male scholars 35, female scholars 40, total 75, collections, Convention Fund \$3 43, Soc. Adv. of Christianity \$6 54, Christmas Fund \$7 50, Building Fund \$5, Parochial Purposes \$44 21, total \$66 68.

Besides Church building and lot, the parish owns a brick building for the use of the Sunday school, erected, during the past year, on the church lot. The building has cost \$650, all of which is paid. For a part of the amount we are indebted to many friends in Philadelphia. Our Parish Church is free of debt. Amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive is \$200, of which amount, together with what is yet due from former years, \$190 are in arrears.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

Congregation, families and parts of families 10, adults 12, children 29, total 41; baptisms, infants 4: confirmed 3; communicants 10; burials 6; public services, on Sundays 40, other days 14, total 54; Sunday school 1, teachers 3, male scholars 10, female scholars 25, total 35; collections, Convention Fund \$2 15, Soc. Adv. of Christianity \$3 06, Christmas Fund \$3, Building Fund \$2 66, Parochial purposes \$15 03; total \$25.

The Parish owns no property besides the Church building and lot. The Church is entirely free of debt, and the salary of the clergyman (\$100) is always regularly paid.

CHRIST CHURCH, MILTON.

During the past year I have continued to officiate in this Church once a month. Services on Sundays 13, other days 2; families and parts of families 10, adults 16, children 16, total 32; marriages 1; communicants 12; collections for Soc. Adv. Christianity \$8 16. No property owned by parish other than Church building and lot. The church is free of debt. The clergyman receives no regular salary.

Report of the Rev. B. Wistar Morris, Rector of St. David's Church, Manayunk.

Congregation, families 170; baptisms, adults 4, infants 55, total 59; confirmed 16; communicants, added 26, died or removed 14,

stricken off for long continued neglect 8, present number 134; marriages 11, burials 32; public services on Sundays 104, other days 14, total 118; children catechized monthly in the Church; Sunday school 1; teachers 25, pupils 250; collections, Parish Library Association \$10, Convention Fund \$10, Prayer Book and Tract Societies \$10, Christmas Fund \$7 50, for the use of the Sunday-school of the Parish \$100 39, Charities of the Parish \$120 23, for introducing Gas into the Church and other purposes \$207 95, total \$467 07. Amount of indebtedness of the Parish \$350; Rector's Salary \$750. No arrears.

Report of the Rev. Jacob B. Morss, Rector of St. John's Church, Carlisle, Cumberland County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families 55, adults 120, children 150; total 270; baptisms, adult 1, children 6, total 7; confirmed 12; communicants, added 12, died or removed 4, present number 55; marriages 5; burials 5; public services, on Sundays 94, other days 44, total 138; children catechized monthly publicly in the Church; Sunday schools 2, male and female teachers 10, pupils about 70; collections, Episcopal fund \$10, Convention fund \$8, Easter offering for Church building \$4 50, Society for Advancement of Christianity \$15, Christmas fund \$11 51, Domestic and Foreign Missions, and other contributions and alms \$175.

Property of the Church continues the same as reported for the past three years, viz. : the edifice and adjoining land, which is free from all incumbrance of debt; rector's salary also remains the same and is promptly paid.

Report of the Rev. H. J. Morton, D. D., Rector of St. James' Church, Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Families, communicants, Sunday schools, Parish school and scholars, about the same as last year; baptisms 25, adults 2, infants 23; confirmed 11; marriages 9; communicants added to list 14, many others joined whose names have not been handed in; services twice on every Sunday and once on all festivals and holy days, on every day in Lent, and on all Wednesdays and Fridays; children catechized in Church every month, about 120 attend.

Collections, Episcopal and Convention Fund \$189 70, Domestic and Foreign Mission \$230 80, Advancement and Prayer Book Society \$186, parochial and other purposes \$2025 88, total \$2582 38.

A night school for apprentices and young men, has been taught three nights in the week during winter, by the assistant minister and several members of the congregation, visited and addressed by the Rector, and upwards of 150 have attended to receive instruction, many exhibiting great interest in the studies, and manifesting marked improvement; about 70 have also attended on Sunday evenings in a hose-house hired for the purpose, where they have been taught their moral and religious duties, and instructed in singing the Psalms and Chants of the Church, by the assistant minister. An effort is now making to purchase a suitable building for Sunday and Parish schools, which have heretofore been in a great degree dependent upon accommodations hired for their use. The effort promises to be entirely successful.

Report of the Rev. John K. Murphy, Rector of Calvary Church, Rockdale, and St. John's Church, Concord, Delaware County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

CALVARY CHURCH, ROCKDALE.

Congregation, families removed 12, added 8, present number 53; baptisms, adult 1, infants 25, total 26; confirmed 3; communicants, added 6, died and removed 5, present number 47; marriages 10; funerals 24; public services, on Sundays 51, other days 55, total 106; children catechized, Sunday school monthly, Parish school weekly; Sunday school 1, teachers 15, pupils 130; Parish week-day school, pupils 36; collections, Missions \$17, Offertory, with special contributions for the poor, \$52 82; other collections have been made, but necessity has obliged us to appropriate them exclusively to meet the current expenses of the Church, their amount the Rector does not know; amount of salary promised \$400, paid \$295 79.

The very frequent removals from the parish, during the year, of prominent supporters, as well as the embarrassed state of affairs in the factories of the place, where most of our people find employment, will account mainly for the unfavorable character of the last item. Notwithstanding present appearances, many indications lead us to hope, that there is a bright future in store for the parish. A railroad is nearly completed, which will connect us directly with the city, and several church people have proposed already to make Rockdale their place of residence, at least during a part of the year. Their influ-

ence, interest and assistance, will certainly tend to encourage and strengthen us, in our still slow and feeble progress.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, CONCORD.

Congregation, families 30 ; baptisms, infants 3 ; confirmed 3 ; communicants, added 6, present number 34 ; marriage 1 ; funerals 3 ; public services, on Sundays 51, other days 3, total 54 ; collections, Convention fund \$5, Offertory \$35 12, for current expenses \$68 72, for special parochial objects \$102 80, for erecting additional sheds \$200 ; salary, promised \$270, paid \$239.

The congregation steadily worshipping with us is gradually increasing in number and interest. The Rector cannot refrain from here acknowledging the very many substantial tokens of their attachment to him, which have made up in the aggregate far more than the deficiency in the salary just noted.

Report of the Rev. S. Nash, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Blairsville, and Christ Church, Indiana.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BLAIRSVILLE.

Baptisms, infants 2 ; burials 2 ; collections, for Convention Fund \$2 02 ; paid over to the Treasurer of Diocesan Missionary Society by Ladies' Missionary Association, about \$36.

One communicant has removed, none have been added since the last report. The condition of the Parish has not essentially changed.

CHRIST CHURCH, INDIANA.

Baptism, infant 1 ; communicants 7, two of whom are about to remove ; collections, for Convention Fund \$2 98 ; services have been continued as last year in the Lutheran house of worship.

A small Sunday school has been kept up in the Rector's private room (for want of another). But a new, beautiful and convenient Church Edifice is nearly completed, which will be ready for consecration early in July, when the congregation and Sunday school will be much more satisfactorily accommodated.

Report of the Rev. George W. Natt, Rector of St. Andrews' Church, Mantua, Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families 28, adults 60, children 62, total 122; baptisms, infants 28; confirmed 1; communicants, added 1, died or removed 2, present number 27; marriages 1; burials 5; public services, on Sundays 61, other days 41, total 102; children catechized, the Sunday school monthly; Sunday school 1, male teachers 2, female teachers 9, pupils 100; collections, Episcopal Fund \$3 62½, Convention Fund \$2 31½, Society for the Advancement of Christianity \$8 50, Missionary and other purposes \$189 54.

No property other than the church building and lot owned by the parish, no indebtedness. Amount of salary the Clergyman is entitled to receive, \$500 per annum, no arrears.

On the 23d of June, the church was consecrated, all indebtedness having been previously discharged. What had once been devoted to the Lord, but, afterwards, had been allowed to be alienated, has thus been restored to its true owner and its sacred use. As a thank-offering to Him who builded the house, the collection made at the administration of the Holy Communion, on the consecration day, amounting to \$167 50, commenced a fund for the erection of a school-house for the parish.

Since the end of January last, the Rector has been disabled by sickness. The Sunday services have been uninterruptedly continued, by the assistance of clerical brethren acting in the spirit of the injunction, "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ."

Report of the Rev. Richard Newton, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Philad.

Baptisms, adults 8, infants 27, total 35; confirmed 19, communicants, added 27, died or removed 7, present number 430; marriages 20; burials 29; public services, on Sundays 102, other days 130, total 232; children catechized every month; Sunday schools, male 2 teachers 28, scholars 190; female 3, teachers 41, scholars 360, total, schools 5, teachers 64, scholars 550; Bible classes 2, pupils 40.

Collections, Episcopal Fund \$1 50, Convention Fund \$10, Missionary and other purposes \$5110; total \$5300; Rector's salary \$2500, paid punctually.

Of the above sum contributed for benevolent purposes, \$1600 were raised by the Sunday schools of the parish, which shows what powerful auxiliaries the children of our churches may be made to the cause of Missions, when properly trained and instructed therein. The Sun-

day schools of this parish are contributing \$500 per annum towards a single object in the department of Foreign Missions; they are furnishing the whole amount of the missionary stipend of a clergyman in the interior of our own state, and within the past year they have also undertaken the support of a Mission Sunday School in a destitute part of our city below the Navy Yard. Here an interesting school is in operation under the care of the Rev. George A. Latimer, the assistant minister of St. Paul's. Public worship is also held at this place, on Sunday and Tuesday evenings, for the benefit of those in the neighborhood, who are not reached by the ministrations of the Gospel in any other way. If each of our city churches should select some destitute point in the wide suburbs of our city, and direct their prayers and sympathies and efforts to it, till the elevating and sanctifying influences of the Gospel were emanating thence to act on the surrounding neighborhood, how much good might be accomplished.

An experiment of an interesting character has been tried in this parish during the year past, which has been eminently successful, to wit: the holding of a monthly service for the benefit of the children of the congregation. Impressed with the significance of our Saviour's injunction—"Feed my lambs," and feeling that in the ordinary public services of the sanctuary, there was little or nothing designed or adapted to be food for the lambs of the flock, it was resolved to test the practicability of a stated public service, arranged with reference to this most interesting portion of a pastor's charge. The afternoon of the first Sunday in the month was set apart for this purpose. On these occasions, at the usual hour for the afternoon service, the children of the Sunday Schools occupy the main body of pews; the usual service is performed and a sermon preached adapted especially to the capacities of the young. These exercises have been found highly interesting and profitable to the children; while the adult portion of the congregation have manifested scarcely less interest in them than those for whose benefit they are especially intended. Indeed the remark was made not long since, by one of the most shrewd, practical and intelligent business men in the community, who has been a regular attendant on these services, that "the sermons to the children were the only sermons he really understood." How suggestive a remark to those whose thoughts are given continually to the preparation of sermons! This service does not supersede the regular public catechizing of the children once a month, and is additional to a monthly Missionary meeting held among the children, in which they are furnished with information adapted to interest their minds and hearts in the great work of spreading the blessed Gospel through our fallen world. A

single incident may be mentioned here to show how easily and yet how powerfully the minds and hearts of children may be enlisted in the work of Christian benevolence, when rightly informed in reference thereto. Each class in the schools connected with this Church, constitutes a little Missionary society, and makes its regular contributions according to the ability and disposition of the members of it. Not long since a new class was formed of children of the poorest class, gathered in from St. Mary and Baker streets. They had to be stripped of their rags and furnished with decent clothing, before they were fit to enter the school. In consequence of their extreme poverty nothing was said to them of any collection. After being in the school a short time, the desire was earnestly expressed to have a Missionary box in their class. Their teacher said she thought they would have no money to give; "O yes," said one of them, "we sometimes get pennies to buy cakes, and we would like to save them." But do you know what this money is given for?" "To send to poor children." "And do you think there are children poorer than yourselves?" "Ah! yes, there are those who have no Bibles, and none to tell them the way to Heaven."

Report of the Rev. Wm. Newton, Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester.

Congregation, families holding pews 42; baptisms, adults 2; confirmed 2; marriages 2; funerals 1; communicants, added 12, present number 90; Sunday school, male teachers 6, female 7, scholars 100; Bible class (congregational) 40. No arrears of salary.

The present Rector has been in charge of this from the commencement of the present year. This report is, therefore, defective in many points. He cannot, however, permit this opportunity to pass by without saying how much he feels encouraged by the opening prospects of the Parish, and of the entire willingness of his people to unite with him in every good work. In simple dependence on God's blessing he looks for large results.

Report of the Rev. W. H. Odenheimer, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1856.

Congregation about 250 families; baptisms, adults 8, infants 99, total 107; confirmed, in private and public 48; communicants, added 26, died or removed 15, present number 387; marriages 23; burials 57; public services, on Sundays 108, other days 691, Christ

Church Hospital 26, total 825; children catechized in the church, on the last Sunday in the month, and on Fridays and the Holy Days; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 4, pupils 35; female 1, teachers 29, pupils 145; infant school 1, teachers 7, pupils 47; day school 1, teachers 2, pupils 122; Bible and catechetical classes 2, members 115; collections, Episcopal Fund \$150; Convention Fund \$50; Soc. Adv. of Christianity \$400; Missionary and other purposes \$5,407 03, total \$6,007 03; charities specially parochial, and not included in the above collections, \$5,78 34. Statistics of Parish—Property, &c., see last report; amount of indebtedness, none; amount of salary, &c., \$2700; arrears of salary, none.

The Rector states with satisfaction, that during the past year, in addition to the amount reported above under the head of *Collections*, the members of the congregation have contributed upwards of \$12,000 to free the church from debt, and for other parochial purposes.

St. Peter's House, a temporary Home for a limited number of needy communicants, has been in vigorous operation, sustained chiefly by the liberality of a generous lady of the Parish.

Report of the Rev. F. Ogilby, Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Philad'a.

Baptisms 23; confirmed 10; married 6; buried 11; communicants 173. I have again this year reduced the list of my communicants, by dropping the names of those who do not hold seats in the Church, and with whom I have no other pastoral relation than that of a mere casual attendance. *Eleven* communicants have been added, *six* have died or removed.

We have 13 teachers in our Sunday school, and as many scholars as they can properly attend to. This department of the Parish is only limited by the difficulty of obtaining proper teachers, especially for boys. The Sunday school is most faithfully and admirably conducted.

During this year we have established also a Parish School, which is in most successful operation. There are now 38 scholars in it. There is also, partly under the rector's supervision, another school, which is doing good work for the church. The children of both schools are catechized publicly in the church every Wednesday morning. Services on Sundays 104, week days 71.

Since I have assumed the Rectorship of this Parish we have cleared off debts, and expended in improvements to the amount of \$12,200.

Report of the Rev. Wm. H. Paddock, District Missionary in West Pennsylvania,
for the year ending May 1st, 1855,

In addition to the duty rendered the Churches hereinafter named, he has visited more or less, mainly on week-days, in Armstrong, Beaver, Cambria, Erie, and Indiana Counties; that he has married one couple, baptized 5 children, and preached or held service 41 times.

CHRIST CHURCH, GREENSBURG, WESTMORELAND CO.

Congregation, families 34, adults 84, children 49, total 133; baptisms, infants 5; confirmed 7; communicants, added 13, removed 4, present number 47; burial 1; public services, twice on alternate Sundays till 1st November, every Sunday since; children catechized frequently; Sunday school teachers 8, pupils, males 15, females 25, total 40; collections, Sunday school \$5, Convention fund \$6, Alms \$22 40, Bishop White Parish Library \$5, Domestic Missions \$5, Diocesan Missions \$50, Christmas fund \$4 23, Benevolent objects within the parish \$192, Parochial objects \$266 62, total \$556 25.

The Rector is happy to record a marked manifestation of the Divine goodness in the improved state of this parish. Four years ago, in his first Report, he spoke of the Parish as laboring under a "feeling of great discouragement," the Church edifice as "almost in ruins," and his first service in it like "singing the Lord's song in a strange land."

A year ago, was erected, on a more commanding site than the former one, a new brick edifice 30 by 72, the style, with exception of its corner tower and spire, very similar to the new Trinity Chapel, New York. It is pronounced one of the most beautiful Churches in Western Pennsylvania, for which the Parish is greatly indebted to Mr. Caleb Cope, of Philadelphia. The design is by Mr. W. P. Marshall, of Pittsburgh. Individuals having assumed the payment of the balance necessary for its completion, the Bishop consecrated it. Semi-monthly service was then entered upon, instead of a monthly service as before. The congregations, and interest in the service increasing, a salary was thereby obtained for the support of an Assistant Minister, when, in November last, the first time in a quarter of a century, the full regular services of the Church were commenced and sustained. The result has been, within the last four years, an increase more than double in the congregation, and nearly that of communicants, and five-fold in the amount of collections for Church objects.

The Rector takes this opportunity, also, of recording the faithful as-

assistance both of the Sunday school teachers, and of the Ladies' Missionary Society ; and the earnest and acceptable labors of his Assistant, the Rev. Fayette Durlin, not only in the parishes at Christ Church, Etna, and East Liberty, but at the County Poor House.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, ETNA, ALLEGHENY COUNTY,

Was organized December 13, 1854, Sunday afternoon service having been held from the first of November previous. The following Sunday the Sunday school was organized, with an attendance of some 24 pupils. Under the faithful and judicious management of its Superintendent, the Junior Warden, it has increased four fold. Service is held each Sunday afternoon in the German Lutheran Church, which has been secured for the purpose half of the time, and neatly fitted up for our worship, at the expense of the proprietor of the place.

Etna, mainly a village of operatives connected with Spang & Co.'s Rolling Mill, is situated on the banks of the Allegheny river, five miles out of Pittsburgh, and is divided from Sharpsburg, a place of one thousand inhabitants, by a small stream of water only. Here Protestantism has but a feeble existence. Irish and German Roman Catholics have each a large church. Under these circumstances there is cause for thankfulness that the efforts of the proprietor for the welfare of his people, have thus far been crowned with success.

Congregation, average attendance 75 ; communicants, (at the Communion service 17,) probably 10 Episcopalians; Sunday school, teachers 10, pupils 95, average attendance 60 ; collections, Sunday school \$5 50, Pennsylvania Female Prayer Book Society \$4 54, Bibles, Library, &c., for Sunday school \$22 50, Foreign Missions \$11 62, Parochial objects \$150, total \$194 22.

CALVARY CHURCH, EAST LIBERTY, ALLEGHENY COUNTY.

East Liberty is but fifteen minutes ride from Pittsburgh, by seven passenger trains, Pennsylvania Railroad, each way daily. It is already populous, more eligibly situated for residences than any other of the city environs, and is fast filling up with the families of substantial business men. Having rented of the German Lutherans their house of worship, we commenced our services on the first Sunday in January last. Greatly encouraged at the large and increasing congregation, the Parish of Calvary Church was organized on the 23d of January, and on the first Sunday in May following, the Sunday school, also, with 18 pupils and 4 teachers.

The Vestry have arranged a Chancel and Vestry room, and in part painted the interior of the Church, while the ladies of the congregation have carpeted the aisles, chancel and vestry-room, curtained the windows, and otherwise adorned it.

Congregation, estimated at 200; baptism, infant 1; confirmed 2; communicants 13; Sunday school, teachers 6, pupils 30; public services every Sunday morning; collections, alms \$8 80, melodeon \$75, repairing, painting and furnishing the Church, &c., amount not certain, but estimated \$232, total \$315 80.

Report of the Rev. George L. Platt, Rector of the Church of the Mediator, Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families 110, adults 270, children 380, total 600; baptisms, infants 88; confirmed 7; communicants, added 14; died or removed 8, present number 106; marriages 13; burials 22; public services, on Sundays 118, other days 32, total 150; children catechized and addressed 8 times; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 9, pupils 100; female 1, teachers 12, pupils 120; infant 2, teachers 2, pupils 110; total, schools 4, teachers 23, pupils 330; Bible classes 2, members 20, teachers 2; collections, Episcopal fund \$5 59, Convention fund \$1 41, Missionary, charitable, and other purposes \$621 59, total \$628 59. This includes \$100 sent by one unknown in aid of the poor in the neighborhood; property other than the Church building and lot owned by parish, Sunday school building and lot; amount of indebtedness of the Church of the Parish, \$600 for current expenses, to which may be added \$300 indebtedness to the improvement fund of the church; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$900.

The congregation in attendance has improved. The income of the Church during the last six months, has also increased; and, though not yet meeting the annual expenditure, there are better evidences than at any time before, of a well-sustained effort. The confirmation was held six months after the preceding year; a class is soon to be presented. The Dorcas Society, during the last trying winter, very much extended its benevolent labors. The want of sufficient income from pew rents and collections, has been a serious embarrassment to the Church. If the expense for some needed improvements could be incurred, the Church would more generally commend itself to the wants of a growing neighborhood. With no debt on the Church property, valued at \$16,000, with an improved class of dwellings going up in its proximity, and with other elements of success, is it not reasonable

to hope that the friends of Church extension will not let this enterprise languish, for the want of moderate assistance during the coming twelve or eighteen months?

Report of the Rev. J. B. Pradt, Missionary in Potter and McKean Counties.

The undersigned, as a Missionary in Potter County of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, reports that he has been engaged in the duties of his mission during the past seven months; services have been held regularly on Sunday at Coudersport, the county-seat. A respectable congregation has been gathered, a parish has been organized and incorporated, and is now ready to ask admission to union with the Diocese.

The communion has been once administered, and 1 marriage and 2 burials attended. The children of the congregation are instructed in the catechism each Sunday. The mission here has been undertaken under auspices which with the blessing of the Great Head of the Church, gives promise of good success. Monthly services are now extended by the undersigned to Smithport, the county-seat of the neighboring County of McKean, where are several members of the Church, and where exists a favorable opening for the permanent establishment of her services.

The undersigned thankfully acknowledges the receipt of Prayer-Books, Tracts and Books for a Parish Library, for the Rector's use, contributed by the Bishop White and the Female Prayer-Book Societies, from the Episcopal Female Tract Society, and from the Bishop White Parish Library Association.

Report of the Rev. A. Pryor, Rector of St. James' Church, Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families 37, adults 80, children 50, total 130; baptisms, adult 1, infants 13, total 14; confirmed 6; communicants, added 4, died or removed 11, present number 27; marriages 4; burials 3; public services, on Sundays 52, other days 4, total 56; children catechized at every opportunity; Sunday School 1, teachers 5, pupils 40; Bible class 1, members 7; collections, Episcopal Fund \$2 25, Convention Fund \$4, Society Advancement of Christianity \$6, Missionary and other purposes \$269 63, total \$281 88.

Property other than the Church building and lot owned by the par-

ish, none; amount of indebtedness of the Church of the parish about \$1500.

Since entering upon the mission I have received the following sums and from the following sources:

From the Rev. Mr. Washburn, being the amount of an appropriation from Trinity Sunday School \$25, from Edward O. Parry, Esq., of Pottsville, through the Advancement Society of Pennsylvania \$37 50, from the Missionary Society of Trinity Church, Pottsville, \$106 50, from St. James' Church, Schuylkill Haven, \$125, from Mission at Heckcherville \$48, from the Advancement Society of Pennsylvania \$150, total \$491.

During the past year my relations to the Parish at Schuylkill Haven have somewhat changed, and in consequence the above report embraces but a portion of my labors and their results for the year ending May 1st, 1855. Up to the Spring of '54, I had been actively engaged in the occupation of teaching, and in devoting what time could be spared from this laborious occupation to the discharge of Parochial duties in the Parish of Schuylkill Haven, and in the performance of Missionary duty at Heckchersville in Cass Township. Early in April of last year, I relinquished my school with a view to devote the whole of my time to the work of the ministry, and to the performance of missionary labor in such parts of the Schuylkill Bason not already occupied as could be practically cultivated by a single Missionary.

After having explored my allotted field of labor, I have established three parts or centres of influence, where I officiate statedly in connection with my Parish at Schuylkill Haven, and visit all the families in the neighborhood of these points not in communion with other religious denominations. Of these, St. Clair presents an encouraging field for missionary effort. This town is situated in the centre of a rich coal field, and has a population numbering at least 4000, many of whom are English and favorably disposed towards our Church. The Church of the Holy Apostles, organized in the year '47, but subsequently abandoned and service discontinued, has been revived by the united labors of the Rev. Mr. Washburn, Rector of Trinity Church, Pottsville, and myself, and a congregation growing in size and interest has been collected, and weekly services regularly continued. The Church commenced and the corner stone laid on the 8th of October last, is now enclosed, and it is hoped will be finished in the course of the coming Summer. It is built of plank in the Gothic style, and when completed will be a neat, chaste and commodious edifice, creditable to its friends and patrons as well as an ornament to St. Clair. Connected with the mission are 30 families and over 60 children. I

officiate here every Thursday evening and every second Sunday in the afternoon. Among other acts of Parish duty here, I have baptized 6 children and attended 2 funerals.

At Heckchersville I continue to officiate every second Sunday in the afternoon. There are about 25 families connected with this mission, and a Sunday School numbering about 35 pupils. In addition to the above named places, I have preached and performed missionary labor at Cressonville, one mile west of Westwood, and have also preached four times in the Arcadian Institute at Orwicksburg, besides making about one thousand visits to families within the limits of my mission, and distributed among them books, tracts, &c. I have preached 140 times, baptized 29 children and 1 adult, and attended 8 funerals.

Report of the Rev. Charles W. Quick, Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Pittsburgh, Alleghany County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Baptisms, adults 9, infants 8, total 17; confirmed 17; marriages 8; funerals 13; communicants, died 2, removed 5, added 28, present number 97; public services, on Sundays 104, on other occasions 13, total 117; Sunday School teachers 14, average number of scholars in attendance every Sunday 80; collections for charitable purposes \$125.

Report of the Rev. Samuel Randall, Rector of St. James' Church, Pittsburgh, Alleghany County, for the year ending May 13th, 1855.

Congregation, families 56; baptisms, infants 24; confirmed 18; communicants, added 25, died or removed 6, present number 59; marriages 3; burials 6; children catechized monthly; Sunday school, scholars 136, Bible class, members 48, teachers 18; amount of salary the Clergyman is entitled to receive \$800.

The congregation is still worshipping in a temporary place. The new church edifice—the foundation of which was laid in September, 1853—will be ready for the congregation in the month of August. The fact, that when finished, the church edifice will be free from debt, is mainly owing to the great liberality of a single individual.

Report of the Rev. William Porter Ray, Rector of St. James' Church, Downingtown, Chester County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families 39, adults 130; baptisms, adults 5, infants 11, total 16; confirmed 2; communicants, added 3, died or removed 1, present number 42; marriages 4; burials 5; public services, on Sundays 70, other days 1, total 71; Sunday schools, male teachers 2, pupils 16; female teachers 6, pupils 30; infant, teachers 2, pupils 16; Bible class, members 9, total 71; collections, Sunday school \$10 71, Convention Fund \$5.

The parish owns a rectory; debt on the church \$350, on rectory \$650, total \$1000. The salary of the Rector is \$300 per annum, exclusive of the use or rental of the rectory. There are no arrears.

Report of the Rev. James W. Robins.

The Rev. James W. Robins respectfully reports that since his ordination to the Diaconate on Trinity Sunday, (June 11th,) 1854, he has been engaged in performing the duties of Assistant to the Rector of St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia.

Report of Rev. J. Rodney, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Germantown, May, 1855.

Families 120, adults and children 600; communicants, added 47, died or removed and transferred 29, leaving 218; marriages 8; burials 16, baptisms, children 14, adults 2, total 16; confirmed 6; Sunday schools, teachers 20, pupils 160; services 150 during the year; collections, for various Religious and Charitable objects \$550, raised and expended for parish purposes \$500, total \$1050; salaries of the Rector and Assistant Minister \$1850, which is always punctually paid.

Report of the Rev. J. Rudderow, Rector of the Church of the Messiah, Port Richmond, Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Baptisms, adult 1, infants 39, total 40; confirmed 8; communicants, added 20, died or removed 16, ceased to commune 6, present number 44; marriages 5; burials 10; public services, on Sundays 103, other days 29, total 132; Sunday school teachers, male 3, female 3, total 6; pupils, from 85 to 100, male and female an equal number;

Bible classes, 2 in winter, and 1 in summer, members of the Wednesday evening class (winter class) 9, Sunday class 8, taught by the Rector; collections, Episcopal Fund \$2 64, Convention Fund \$2 64, Diocesan Missionary Society \$15, Missionary and other Charitable and Benevolent purposes \$66 72, total \$95 25; statistics of parish as heretofore reported; Rector's salary \$400, all paid.

It is very difficult to give an accurate census of the parish, as there are many families who profess to be attached to the Protestant Episcopal Church, and who perhaps attend no where else, who are rarely within its walls, and with whom the clergyman scarcely meets but in pastoral visiting. This will account for the large number of infant baptisms. There are about fifty families, the members of which are more or less constant in their attendance. But the majority of these being small families, composed principally of father, mother and children, and being also in circumstances too straitened to allow them to employ servants, it makes the ordinary attendance upon service, and average participation in the Holy Communion, much smaller than it would otherwise be. My monthly communion, however, has been steadily on the increase. The largest number to which I have at any one time administered was thirty-five. A disparity will be noticed in the lists as given this year and last, which is accounted for by my having counted among the "died or removed" all communicants whose names stand upon the list, but whom I have never been able to find. Those also marked as having ceased to commune, are such as have not participated within the last year.

Within the last year the Vestry have expended in ceiling the church, re-placing the furnaces, and re-grading and paving the lot, about \$800; and in carpeting and other improvements and fixtures, on the interior, \$185, which amount was contributed through an effort of the ladies of the parish, making \$950.

Report of the Rev. Theodore S. Rumney, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Uniontown,
and of Grace Church, Menallen Township, Fayette County.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, UNIONTOWN.

Congregation, families 35, adults 106, infants 62, total 168; baptisms, adults 2, infants 14, total 16; confirmed 3; communicants, added 4, died or removed 6, present number 46; marriage 1; burials 8; public services, on Sundays 108, other days 42, total 150; chil.

children catechized monthly in the church; Sunday schools, general 1, teachers, male 3, female 9, total 12; scholars, male 48, female 74, total 122; infant 1, teacher 1, attendance about 20.

Collections, Episcopal Fund \$3, Convention Fund \$3, Christmas Fund \$2, Diocesan Missionary Society \$72, Missionary and other purposes \$94 66, Sunday school offerings to China \$5, to Africa \$5, Christmas Fund \$5, Sunday School Extension \$1 50, total \$191 16.

The church owns no property other than the church building. The amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive from the parish is \$300 per annum.

GRACE CHURCH, MENALLEN.

Congregation, families 8; communicants 6; services have been regularly held twice in each month during the year, with one or two exceptions arising from sickness or absence of the Rector. The attendance is generally very encouraging.

Report of the Rev. Peter Russell, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Mauch Chunk, and St. Philip's Church, Summit Hill, Carbon County.

Congregation, families 30, adults 8, children 75, total 150; baptisms, infants 16; confirmed 1; communicants added 1, died 2, removed 2, present number 27; marriages 10; burials 4; public services, on Sundays 64, other days 27, 26 services at Nesqueetong on Sundays, total 117; Sunday school 1, teachers 12, pupils 80; collections, Episcopal Fund \$2, Convention Fund \$3, Domestic Missions \$5, Foreign Missions \$5, Christmas Fund \$13, Church Building \$7, other purposes \$152, total \$187; Salary \$300, of which \$45 are in arrears; but while this amount of arrears is reported, it is but justice to the congregation to state that they have given their Rector, at a "Donation visit," and in other modes, aside from salary, an amount equal to the whole sum promised in salary, thus, in fact, almost increasing his means of living an hundred fold.

A portion of the services reported above were performed by the Rev. C. H. Albert, since removed to Texas.

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, SUMMIT HILL, CARBON COUNTY.

Congregation, families 30, adults 75, children 65, total 140; baptisms, infants 11; communicants added 3, present number 30; burials

4; public services, on Sundays 48, other days 2, total 50; Sunday school 1, teachers 6, pupils 40; collections, Episcopal Fund \$2, Convention Fund \$2, Domestic Missions \$5, Foreign Missions \$3, Christmas Fund 9, Church Building \$3, other purposes \$76 total \$100. No specified amount is promised as salary. Amount paid for the year \$164 50.

Report of the Rev. G. M. Skinner, Rector of St. Mark's Church, New Milford, Susquehanna County, for the year ending May, 1855.

Families 35, adults 85, children 30, total 150; baptisms, children 6, total 6; confirmed 1; communicants, added 3, died 4, removed 2, present number 39; marriages 6; burials 4; public services, on Sundays 62, other days 38, total 100; children catechized 19, times 10; collections, Episcopal Fund \$5 50; Soc. Adv. of Christianity \$12, Domestic \$7 50, Foreign \$4, other purposes \$16 50.

Property other than the church building and lot owned by the Parish, is a parsonage, carriage-house, and lot valued at \$750; indebtedness none. Amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$200; arrears \$40. Resigned May 25th.

GRACE CHURCH, LODGEVILLE.

Congregation, families 30, adults 58, children 33, total 91; communicants removed 2, added 2, present number 7; services on Sundays 47.

There are several in this parish who doubtless will be fit candidates for confirmation at the next visitation.

Report of the Rev. J. Brinton Smith, Rector of St. James' Church, Kingsessing, Philadelphia, for the year ending May 13th, 1855.

Baptisms, adults 5, infants 9, total 14; confirmed 14; communicants added 12, died or removed 4, stricken off 1, present number 87; marriages 7; burials 18; public services, on Sundays 67, other days 30, total 97; children catechized 5 times; Sunday school, 50 pupils, 7 teachers; Bible class 10 members, taught by the Rector; collections, Episcopal Fund \$17, Convention Fund \$5 65, for the enlargement of the Church Building \$4,650, for Organ \$760, other purposes \$127 60, total \$5560 25. Property other than the church build-

ing and lot owned by the Parish, Parsonage and lot, and about \$1250 in ground rents. Amount of indebtedness \$2,500; amount of salary \$1,250. The Rector's salary has always been punctually paid.

Since last Convention our Church building has been greatly enlarged and improved, its capacity being more than doubled. Nothing is now required to give permanent success to the Parish but the blessing of God upon the increased labors of minister and people. I would express my gratitude for the earnestness and zeal with which members of the vestry pushed forward the enlargement to its completion. They have done a good work, and done it well. To the ladies of the congregation, also, thanks are due for their successful efforts to procure an organ suited to the increased size of the church. The vestry, in view of the expensiveness of living during the past winter, have added \$250 to the Rector's salary. May their example be imitated by others.

CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION, DARBY, DELAWARE COUNTY.

The depressed condition of money matters during the last winter has prevented any movement towards a church building. We have been compelled to occupy a small school room. I have held 40 public services on Sundays. The Sunday school has three teachers and about twenty scholars.

Report of the Rev. Richard Smith, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Chartiers, and Grace Church, Mount Washington, Allegheny County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families 25; baptisms, adults 9, infants 13, total 22; confirmed, at Chartiers 4, Mt. Washington 9, total 13; communicants, added 4, present number in all 28; marriage 1; burials 7; public services, on Sundays 79, at different places other days 3, county poor house 4, total 86; children catechized frequently at both places; Sunday schools, 1 at Mt. Washington, 85 children, 12 teachers; 1 at Chartiers, 30 children, 6 teachers; collections, Convention Fund \$5, Soc. Adv. of Christianity \$3, Disabled Clergymen \$6 50, for Incidentals \$26; total \$40 50; arrears of salary still unpaid. I have attended to the duties of the City Mission at Pittsburgh also with the above statements.

I have nothing particular to advance by way of remark, but to say the field in which I still labor continues to give promise of future increase. We shall suffer some loss by removals.

Report of the Rev. Nathan Stem, Rector of St. John's Church, Norristown, Montgomery County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families about 100; baptisms 6; communicants, added 8, died or removed 5, present number 108; confirmed 4; marriages 12; burials 15; public services, on Sundays 99, other days 38, total 137; Sunday school 1, teachers 27, pupils 160; collections, Episcopal Fund \$6 86, Convention Fund \$6 20, Missionary and other purposes \$2 42; total \$255 06.

In addition to the above services, the Rector has officiated occasionally in the county prison and other places. And sermons or addresses have been delivered at all the funerals reported.

The congregation, during the past year, has pursued the even tenor of its way without any very material change, though a gradual and steady improvement is perceptible. The property owned by the corporation is a lot in the central and most valuable part of Norristown, one hundred and fifty feet by four hundred and sixty feet, with the exception of a small indentation in one corner, which is private property. This ground is occupied partly by the church building, partly as a cemetery, and a remaining part will no doubt in due time become available for building purposes, as there is a probability that it will not be required for sepulture, popular feeling now running strongly in favor of the cemeteries out of town.

The congregation is entirely free from debt. Rector's salary eight hundred dollars, paid semi-annually with promptness.

Report of the Rev. Wm. Bacon Stevens, D.D., Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families 342, total 1,400; baptisms, adults 9 infants 42, total 51; confirmed 28; communicants, added 43, died or removed 30, present number 642; marriages 16; burials 33; public services, on Sundays 100, other days 38, total 138; Sunday schools, male 2, teachers 18, pupils 152; female 2, teachers 27, pupils 300; infant 2, teachers 4, pupils 155, total schools 6, teachers 49, pupils 607; Bible classes 2, members 61, teachers 2; collections, Episcopal Fund \$150; Convention Fund \$75; Diocesan Missionary Society \$575; Missionary and other purposes \$9,195; total \$10,095. Property other than the Church building and lot owned by the Parish, Sexton's house and School house. Amount of indebtedness of the Church of the Parish \$3,000. Amount of salary the Clergyman is entitled to receive 3,000. Arrears of salary, none.

Report of the Rev. J. A. Stone, Rector of Calvary Church, Tamaqua, Schuylkill County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families 33, adults 88, children 59, total 147; baptisms, infants 31, total 31; confirmed 6; communicants, added 11, died or removed 13, present number 35; marriages 6; burials 11; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 18, total 122; children catechized 60, times 12; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 9, pupils 60; Bible class 1, members 8, teachers 1; collections, Convention Fund \$5, Diocesan Miss. Society \$8, Communion Offerings \$22 79, Sunday School \$8 71, for the Rev. William H. Cooper \$37 52, from children of Sunday School \$28, \$12 of which was for Missions to Africa, Parochial Collections \$38 61, money paid for a new fence around the church \$240, total amount \$379 63; amount of salary the Clergyman is entitled to receive \$400.

The parish, in all its departments, is in a prosperous condition, and has made decided advances, when we take into consideration our numbers and resources. We have suffered from the usual fluctuation of a mining town, having lost, by removal, several valuable parishners, but their loss has been made up in part by accessions.

The parish receives most substantial aid, and the Rector most efficient co-operation from the ladies, especially from the members of the Sewing circle, who are ever ready to engage in any good work to promote the welfare of the church. Through their efforts (especially two of their number,) a new and beautiful iron fence has been purchased and erected in front of the church. The remaining portion of the fence, enclosing the other sides of the church yard, is of wood, and was the generous offering of Mr. Rowland Jones, a liberal and active member of the Vestry.

The ladies are now actively engaged in preparing for a sale of useful articles, to take place the first week in September next, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the purchase of a small organ, and also a set of blinds for the church.

Report of the Rev. William Suddards, Rector of Grace Church, Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families 205, total 1208; baptisms, adults 11, infants 15, total 26; confirmed 30; communicants, added 34, died or removed 28, present number 512; marriages 24; burials 14; public services, on Sundays 112, other days 75, total 187; children catechized monthly; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 22, pupils 120; female 1,

teachers 30, pupils 170 ; infant 1, teachers 2, pupils 71 ; Bible classes 3, members 62, teachers 8, total, schools 2, teachers 55, pupils 423 ; collections, Episcopal Fund \$150, Convention Fund \$75, Diocesan Missionary Society \$1250, missionary and other purposes \$2575, total \$4050 ; amount of salary the Clergyman is entitled to receive \$2500, no arrears.

Report of the Rev. Joseph P. Taylor, Rector of Christ Church, New-Brighton, Trinity Church, Rochester, and Trinity Church, New-Castle, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

CHRIST CHURCH, NEW-BRIGHTON.

Baptisms 12 ; communicants, removed 4, deceased 1, present number 26 ; Sunday schools, children 50, teachers 6 ; burials 8 ; marriages 2 ; collections \$100 23.

TRINITY CHURCH, ROCHESTER.

I hold one service every Lord's day in a school-house at Rochester, where regularly assembles a congregation of seventy or eighty persons—of this number twelve are communicants. As was represented by me last year, so now, *there is no efficient clergyman of any denomination in the town, no church edifice, and no public religious service except one held by myself on Sunday ;* \$400 are now at my disposal for the building of a cheap church to cost \$800. This sum has been raised by the persons who attend the services of the church at this place, who, as I can testify, are too poor to do anything more. After a devout representation of the wants of this parish, may I not expect pecuniary aid from some of the churches of the Diocese ?

TRINITY CHURCH, NEW-CASTLE.

During this year I have officiated six times, and preached six sermons, in this church. At other times the Sunday services have been sustained by the assistance of Rev. John A. Bowman. It may be proper to report that during the year I have purchased fourteen acres of ground in the borough of New Brighton, a most eligible site, and thereon erected buildings suitable for a church boarding school for boys. The institution will be ready for the reception of pupils in September next.

Report of Rev. Anthony Ten Broeck, Rector of the Church of St. James the Less, Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Baptisms, adult 1, infants 8, total 9 ; two private baptisms have

been certified; confirmed 11; communicants, added 20, removed 13, present number 40; burials 7, (non-resident 2); public services, on Sundays 104, other days 626, total 730; children catechized weekly; Sunday school, teachers, male 3, female 5, total 8; scholars, male 14, female 22, total 36.

Collections have been made for the Church Hospital \$32 55, for Christmas Fund \$19 08, General Missions \$15, Episcopal Fund \$5 91, Convention Fund \$5 79.

The claims of the Advancement Society will be remembered soon

Report of the Rev. Charles West Thomson, Rector of St. John's Church, York, York County.

Baptisms, adults 3, infants 11, total 14; confirmed 13; communicants, added 23, died or removed 9, present number 71; marriages 3, burials 11; public services, on Sundays 100, other days 28, total 128; children catechized 11 times; Sunday school, male teachers 4, pupils 12, female teachers 7, pupils 24, infant school, pupils, male 10, female 8; total, teachers 11, pupils 54; collections, Convention Fund \$13 08, Missionary and other purposes \$67 14, total \$80 22. Besides the church building and lot, the parish owns no property, excepting the Parsonage and ground belonging thereto, on part of which is erected a frame building for lectures and Sunday school purposes. By the effort mentioned in the last report as then in progress, and by other means within the parish, we have been enabled to reduce our debt to about \$350. The amount of salary the Rector is entitled to receive is \$600, of which there are no arrears.

Report of the Rev. George E. Thrall, Assistant Minister of the Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia.

Was ordained on the 14th of last July, since which time I have preached sixty-seven times, officiated at two marriages, three baptisms and eighteen funerals, besides assisting in the usual Sabbath services of the Church of the Epiphany.

Report of the Rev. R. S. Trapier, of the Seamen's Mission in Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1856.

Congregation, Families 53, adults 82, children 82, total 164; baptisms, adults 1, infants 23, total 24; confirmed 10; communicants,

added 11, died or removed 10, present number, about 60; marriages 2; burials 5; public services, on Sundays, 108, other days 3, total 111; children catechized several times; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 2, pupils 25, female 1, teachers 3, pupils 30, schools 2, teachers, 5, pupils 55; property other than the Church building and lot owned by the parish, none; no indebtedness; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$1000; arrears of salary none.

The progress of the Mission, though slow, is encouraging. During the past year the attendance of Seamen has increased, and as we are now likely, by Divine blessing, to possess a suitable place of worship, we may humbly but confidently hope that larger results may cheer our hearts in the future.

Since May 1st, 1854, there have been distributed,—Bibles 225, Prayer Books 380, other religious books 380; since the commencement of the mission,—Bibles 2,300, Prayer Books 3,550, other books 3300.

Report of the Rev. Henry Tullidge, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Bloomsburg, Columbia County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families about 70, number not yet fully ascertained; baptisms, infants 11; communicants, added 2, died 5, removed 2, present number about 100, not fully ascertained; marriages 4; burials 21; public services, on Sundays, 101, other days 26, total 127; children catechized weekly in the Sunday school; Sunday school 1, pupils upwards of 100, teachers, male 2, female 10, total 12; Bible class 1, members 20; collections, General Domestic Missionary Society \$7, Foreign Missions \$13 50, Sunday school \$11 50, Convention fund \$6 50, Christmas fund \$5 36, Missionary and other purposes \$25 87, total \$69 73; Rector's salary \$600.

I entered upon my duties as rector of this Church, in the middle of June last. Thus far I have found much to encourage me, and a further acquaintance has deepened my first impression that this is an important and interesting field of labor, though it is not without its peculiar difficulties.

During the past year the temporal condition of the Parish has much improved. The remainder of the Church debt has been extinguished, and an eligible residence at a convenient distance from the Church, purchased for a parsonage, at the moderate price of \$1800. Of this sum \$1200, one half of which was contributed by the liberality of three individuals, was raised by subscription, and for the remaining

\$600 we depend on the sale of a house and lot belonging to the Church, the bequest of a pious communicant, which, it is believed, will readily realize that sum. As it respects spiritual things, however, the condition of the Church is far less favorable, and there is too much reason to inquire with the prophet, "Who hath believed our report? And to whom is the Amen of the Lord revealed?"

Report of the Rev. Edwin M. VanDeusen, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Families 60, adults 160, children 150, total 310; baptisms, adults 6, children 26, total 32; confirmed 17; communicants, added 34, died 1, removed 21, present number 100; marriages 15; burials 9; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 160, total 264; children catechized 25 times; Sunday school 1, male teachers 5, female 9, total 14, pupils 100; collections, Episcopal fund \$23 23, Alms \$210, Organ \$2000, Missions \$130, total \$2,340.

Report of the Rev. P. Van Pelt.

During the preceding twelve months I have preached 31 times; read prayers 30 times; solemnized 2 marriages; officiated at 3 funerals; made about 200 visits to the sick and afflicted; and attended to my duties as Secretary of the "Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America."

From the commencement of the present year, I have been connected with the Theological department of Burlington College, N. J., as teacher of Hebrew.

Report of the Rev. Alexander Varian, Rector of Christ Church, Meadville, Crawford County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, adults 150, children 120, total 270; baptisms, infants 8, total 8; communicants, added 4, died or removed 7, present number 100; marriage 1; burials, adults 6, infant 1; public services, on Sundays 96, other days 49; children catechized 1st Sunday in every month in the Church; Sunday School 1, teachers, male 3,

female 7, pupils 100; collections, Society Advancement of Christianity \$7 50, Communion collections for Missionary and other purposes \$64 37, total \$71 87.

Property other than the Church building and lot owned by the parish, Sunday School House; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$600; arrears of salary about \$80.

Report of the Rev. John A. Vaughan, D. D.

During the year ending May 1st, I have preached 35 times, and assisted at the communion and at funerals several times each. On the first of September last I resigned the charge of the Episcopal Female Institute, which for 6 years had devolved upon me as Rector; and ill health inducing that step has since prevented my entering upon parochial charge.

Report of B. B. Vincent and Benjamin Grant, Wardens of St. Paul's Church, Erie, for the year ending May 1, 1855.

In the absence of a Rector we beg leave to submit the following Report of the Parish of St. Paul's Church, Erie, in the County of Erie, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, no record kept; baptisms, children 8; confirmations 4; marriages 3; burials 6; present number 85; public services, no Rector since the Sunday before Lent, occasional services 4 Sundays since; children catechized, no record; Sunday School 1, teachers 8, scholars 50; collections, no record kept.

The Rectorship has been vacant since the resignation of Rev. Charles Arey.

Report of the Rev. Daniel Washburn, Rector of Trinity Church, Pottsville, Schuylkill County.

Congregation, families about 115, adults say 250, children 350 or more, total upwards of 600; baptisms, adults 5, children 65, total 70; confirmed 19; communicants, added 15, died or removed 6, present number 111; marriages 13; funerals 31; public services, on Sundays 150, other days 115, total 265; collections in the Church, as reported

by the treasurer \$708 40, which has been paid out for organist, sexton, coal, gas, carpenter work, insurance, &c., and for the Pottsville Benevolent Society \$200 54, for Church building \$22 30 and \$20 25, for Convention Fund \$14 31, for Episcopal Fund \$20 84, for Foreign Missions \$30 22, for Christmas Fund \$26 31, for Parish Sunday School \$20, besides which the members of this Congregation have contributed upwards of \$100 to Bible Society operations, to the Bishop White Prayer Book Society (including \$37 50 given by Edward Owen Parry, Esq.,) some \$50 to Home Missions (including \$37 50 given by E. O. P.) about \$500, of which \$169 was paid to Rev. A. Pryor, Missionary in parts adjacent to Pottsville, and about \$300 towards the erection of the Church of the Holy Apostles at St. Clair, and for other benevolent purposes say \$250, making a sum total of \$1554 77, not including the above \$708 40 which was for current incidental Church expenses, nor comprising the Dorcas Society benevolence, which has been large and active during the last unusually severe winter and consequent destitution among the poor.

Our field of labor is peculiarly missionary. All about us is heard the call for Gospel laborers. Consequent upon determined effort we have in one direction, viz., at St. Clair, secured a lot of ground, where on the 8th of October last I laid, at your request, the corner stone of a new Church building, which is now under roof and fully enclosed. Much as we have been able to raise towards this undertaking, still more is needed. About \$1000 must be in some way immediately secured, and would that the proprietors of coal lands in the neighborhood could see not only their duty in this behalf, but their interest.

Sunday Schools more or less directly connected with this parish, are being successfully conducted at Fishback (the rolling-mill north of the borough), at Westwood (about 2 miles out of town) and at East Mt. Carbon, which last is sustained as it was originated, mainly by Miss Walker and Miss Ashley, communicants of the Church, aided by such of our people as sympathize and can conveniently co-operate.

But we need conveniences which cost money. The first of the above mentioned branch Sunday Schools, is held in a private house, when we should have a Chapel that might be used for the school and occasional public services. But I will not enumerate more that this immediate vicinity needs, lest the openings beyond should appal us. May the Head of the Church direct, sustain and further us, as shall seem best to Him in prosecuting His work.

In addition to what I have thus reported, I am required to state my salary which is \$1200, and punctually paid; some friends have voluntarily added to this \$100. "Statistics of parish" as last year.

Report of the Rev. W. E. Webb, Rector of Grace Church, Hulmeville, St. Luke's Church, Newtown, and St. Andrew's Church, Yardleyville.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, NEWTOWN.

Congregation, families 10; baptisms 2; confirmations 1; communicants, added 1, removed 1, present number 14; Sunday school 1, teachers 7, scholars 50; amount of salary the Rector is entitled to receive \$150, no arrears; property other than the church building and lot, a Sunday-school room and cemetery; contributions, Convention Fund \$2, Domestic Missions \$2; amount of debt on the church property about \$10.

GRACE CHURCH, HULMEVILLE.

Families 19; confirmed 3; communicants, added 3, removed 1, died 1, present number 85; marriages 2; burials 5; Sunday school 1, teachers 9, scholars 85; amount of salary the Rector is entitled to receive \$100, no arrears; property other than the church building and lot, a Sunday school-room and cemetery; contributions, Convention fund \$2, Domestic Missions \$1.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, YARDLEYVILLE.

Congregation, families 14; baptisms 4; confirmed 1; communicants, added 1, present number 15; property other than the church building and lot, a Sunday school-room and cemetery. Since the last Convention, this church has been handsomely furnished by the ladies of the congregation. In addition to the stated services at these three churches, a semi-monthly service is also held at Pineville, where the erection of a small chapel is in contemplation at no distant day. Average attendance at Pineville, during the present spring, about 60. The Rector regrets to state that during the past year, services have occasionally been rendered somewhat irregular, by frequent attacks of illness on the part of himself and family.

Report of Mr. Arthur Wells, Warden of the Parish of All Saints' church, Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, about 200 families or parts of families; baptisms, adults 6, children 165, total 171; confirmed 22; communicants,

about 150 ; marriages 36 ; burials 41 ; public services, twice on Sunday and once on the Holy-days ; children catechized 11 times ; Sunday schools, male, teachers 4, pupils 40, female, teachers 11, pupils 100, infant, teachers 2, pupils 50 ; Bible class, teachers 1, members 15 ; collections, Convention Fund \$10, Advancement Society \$30, Missionary and other purposes \$1005 65, total \$1045 65 ; amount of indebtedness of the church of the parish \$1900 58.

The late Rector whose resignation took effect on the 10th of March, 1855, was entitled to receive a salary of \$1200, which was always paid promptly.

There is a parish day-school of nearly 50 children in a flourishing condition, and also a Mutual Benefit Society, which has done a great work during the past year. The parish has met with a very serious loss by the resignation of its faithful and zealous pastor, who has labored for eight years and a half to build up the church in what was once a wilderness.

Report of the Rev. Wm. White, Rector of of St. Peters' church, Butler, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families 40, adults 80, children 50, total 110 ; baptisms, infants 12, total 12 ; confirmed 8 ; communicants, added 8, died or removed 3, present number 49 ; marriage 1 ; burials 3 ; public services, on Sundays 100, other days 12, total 112 ; children catechized weekly, times 50 ; Sunday school, male teachers 3, pupils 15, female teachers 3, pupils 20 ; collections, Convention Fund \$4, Society for the Advancement of Christianity \$8, Missionary and other purposes \$35, total \$47 ; amount of indebtedness of the church of the parish, less than \$100 ; amount of salary the Clergyman is entitled to receive \$300 ; arrears of salary, a small portion for last year is still due.

Report of the Rev. H. T. Wilcoxon, Rector of Trinity and St. Paul's Churches, Fayette County, for the 15 months ending May 1, 1855.

Baptisms, infants 2 ; confirmed 1 ; communicants, added 1, removed 3, total 16 ; marriages 3 ; burials 2 ; public services, on Sundays, once a day every Sunday except four, other days every Wednesday afternoon, with a few exceptions ; Sunday school, scholars 40, teachers 7 ; collections, for Missionary and other purposes connected with the church \$152.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

Communicants 6 ; funerals 1 ; collections, for Missionary and other purposes connected with the church \$20.

Report of the Rev. John Williamson, Rector of Trinity Church, Freeport, Armstrong county, and Leechburgh.

Up to September 24th, 1854, I continued to assist the Rev. R. Newton, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia

October 29th, 1854, I took charge of these places. Baptisms, infants 6 ; communicants, removed 1, present number 48 ; public services 54 ; Sunday school 1, teachers 8, pupils 40 ; Bible classes 2, teachers 2, members 10 ; collections, Diocesan \$50 (past year) ; indebtedness, &c., see last report.

I also officiated a few weeks at Greensburgh, and baptized 3 infants.

Report of the Rev. Frederick S. Wiley, Rector of the Church of the Nativity, S. G., Philadelphia, for the year ending May 13th, 1855.

Congregation, 142 families ; baptisms, adults 10, children 39, total 49 ; confirmed 29 ; communicants, added 53, died or removed 15, total 222 ; marriages 18 ; burials 28 ; children catechized monthly in church ; Sunday school, scholars 236, infant do. do. 120, female Bible classes, members 33, Young Men's Bible association, members 85, total under instruction 424 ; teachers 32 ; collections, for Missionary and other benevolent purposes \$843 23 ; present debt \$4,500. The salary is \$800, with a Rectory ; this has been promptly paid.

Report of the Rev. J. B. Wilmer, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families 200, adults 550, children 250, total 800 ; baptisms, adults 3, infants 30, total 33 ; confirmed 23 ; communicants, added 25, died or removed 7, present number 225 ; marriages 7 ; burials 10 ; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 650, total 755 ; children catechized 200, times 12 ; Sunday schools 2, teachers

14, pupils 150; Bible classes 3, members 50; collections, Episcopal Fund \$64 57, Convention Fund \$33 70, Society for the Advancement of Christianity \$103 79, total \$2598 22.

Property other than the church building and lot owned by the parish, school houses; amount of indebtedness of the church of the parish, \$21,000, ground rent; amount of salary the Clergyman is entitled to receive \$2,250, Assistant Minister \$600. No arrears.

Measures have been adopted at a late meeting of the Vestry, to discharge the ground rent, which constitutes the whole indebtedness of the parish.

Report of the Rev. Thomas W. Winchester, Rector of St. Paul's Church, West Whiteland, and St. Peter's church, Great Valley, Chester county.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WEST WHITELAND.

I resigned the charge of the above named parish on the 1st of October last. In the interval between that date and the previous 1st of May, besides preaching every Lord's day, performed the following services, viz: baptism, infant 1; funerals 2.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, GREAT VALLEY.

Baptisms, infants 3; communicants, (present number) 18; funerals 5; public services, on Sundays 52, other days 3, total 55; also, "Cottage Lectures" during the latter part of the fall, the winter, and early part of the spring; Sunday school scholars, male and female from 25 to 30, teachers, male 3, female 3; collections, Convention Fund \$6 14, Bishop's Fund \$4 53; salary stipulated for and commencing 1st of January 1855, \$400, regularly paid.

Report of the Rev. Henry W. Woods, late Rector of St. Paul's Church, Columbia.

I would report that up to the 1st of November, 1854, I continued to officiate as Rector of St. Paul's church, Columbia. Since that time

have preached nearly every Sunday, often twice on Sunday, and in the majority of cases it has been either to minister for vacant parishes, or to supply the places of sick and absent clergymen.

From the time of resigning St. Paul's church, Columbia, to the present, have baptized two infants, married two couples, administered the communion in vacant churches three times, and privately to a sick person once, and performed the burial service once.

Within the last two weeks I have accepted an invitation to take charge of Trinity Church, Maylandville, and the Church of the Saviour, West Philadelphia.

Report of the Rev. James A. Woodward, Rector of St. Andrew's church, West Vincent, and St. Mary's church, Warwick, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Having returned from the Territory of Oregon, where I labored for the church, for about fifteen months, in the employ of the Domestic Committee, I took the charge of St. Andrew's Church, West Vincent, and St. Mary's Church, Warwick, Chester county, beginning my public ministrations on the second Sunday of July last. Service is held in each church every Lord's day, and a monthly evening service in different parts of the parishes, so that I usually officiate three times every Sunday.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, WARWICK.

Baptisms, adults 8, infants 2; communicants, added 5, removed 2, died 2, present number, about 50; Sunday school, children 70, teachers 6; Missionary Contributions, since July last, about \$6. The balance of the church debt is now about to be paid; collection for Convention Fund \$3 45.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, WEST VINCENT.

Congregation, about 60, families and parts of families may be regarded as belonging to this parish; confirmations 3; communicants, added 3, died 1, present number about 40; marriages 3; funerals 3; Sunday school, about 30 children; Missionary collections, about \$5; balance of debt on the parsonage, about \$400; Convention Fund \$2 28.

Report of the Rev. Ed. P. Wright, Rector of St. John's Church, Pequea, and St. Mark's Church, Honeybrook, Chester county, for the year ending May 1st, 1856.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, PEQUEA.

Congregation, families and parts of families 60, adults 166, children 76, total 242; baptisms, adults 4, infants 9, total 13; confirmed 3; communicants added 8, died or removed 6, present number 50; marriages 3; burials 8; public services, on Sundays 48, other days 22, total 70; children catechized monthly during the summer; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 4, pupils 20; female 1, teachers 5, pupils 22; infant 1, teachers 2, pupils 23, total, schools 3, teachers 11, pupils 65; collections, Episcopal fund \$5 56, Convention fund \$5, Diocesan Missionary Society \$8 75, Missionary and other purposes \$14 54, total \$63 85; property other than the Church building and lot owned by the parish, see previous reports; amount of indebtedness of the Church of the parish, none; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$450; arrears of salary none; the salary for the ensuing year is to be \$500.

Besides the foregoing collections, I have much satisfaction in reporting the success of the ladies of the congregation in raising a sufficient amount (\$95) for the purpose of purchasing new books for the desk and communion table, and making sundry renewals inside the building. Also, the determination of the vestry, to erect a neat fence round the Church lot, and to repaint the edifice inside and out, in the course of a few weeks.

This report dates from June 17, 1854, upon which day I entered upon my duties as Rector of the parish, in accordance with the unanimous invitation of the Vestry, to fill the place of their late much loved pastor, the Rev. Mr. Tullidge. I cannot speak too highly of the kindness and attention I have received at the hands of my people since I have come among them. My only anxiety is, that they may become as fruitful in spiritual matters as they are in temporal, and that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I commenced in Lent the system of cottage lecturing, and from the interest manifested, have been induced to decide upon continuing them every Wednesday evening during the fine weather. Many are reached, by thus bringing the gospel to them, who otherwise would perish for lack of knowledge.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, HONEYBROOK.

Congregation, about 200; baptisms, infant 1; communicants about

20 ; public services, on Sundays 33, other days 4, total 37 ; collections, Convention fund \$2, other purposes about 12, total \$14 ; property other than the Church building and lot, owned by the parish, none ; amount of indebtedness of the Church of the Parish, none ; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$200 ; arrears of salary, none.

I took charge of this parish in July, 1854 ; and have been able to give the congregation but an afternoon service on Sundays, when the weather permitted. I am unable, by reason of the distance of my residence from the Church, (nine miles,) and from having to attend to the larger and important parish of St. John's, to render this parish much in the way of occasional duty, which is so essential in gathering together and building up any congregation. Still I have much to encourage me ; the attendance on Sundays is excellent, and considerable interest seems to be awakened in the minds of some concerning the things that belong to their everlasting peace.

Report of the Rev. Thomas C. Yarnall, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Hamilton, Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families 55, adults 134, children 140, total 274 ; baptisms, adults 2, infants 15, total 17 ; confirmed 12, communicants, added 9, removed 8, died 2, present number 109 ; marriages 3 ; burials 13 ; public services on Sundays 104, other days 63, total 167 ; the children are now catechized monthly ; Sunday school teachers 11, pupils 110 ; collections, Christmas Fund \$15 81, Church Hospital \$52, for the Poor of the City \$70 25.

The Parish is entirely free from debt. Rector's salary \$800 ; no arrears.

* Report of the Rev. M. A. De Wolfe Howe, D. D., Rector of St. Luke's Church, Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families 260, total about 1,100 ; baptisms, adults 12, infants 53, total 65 ; confirmed 29 ; communicants, added 57, died or removed 44, present number 475 ; marriages 21 : burials 22 ; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 85, total 189 ; children catechized 6 times ; Sunday schools, male 2, teachers 12, pupils 129, female 2, teachers 33, pupils 230, infant 2, teachers 3, pupils 137,

* The following Reports were received too late for their proper places.

total schools 6, teachers 54, pupils 486; Bible classes 8, members 102, teachers 8, total under instruction 588; collections, Episcopal Fund \$150, Convention Fund \$59, Soc. Adv. of Christianity \$11 50, Diocesan Missionary Society \$850, Missionary and other strictly charitable purposes \$4931 28, total \$6001 78. Amount of salary the Clergyman is entitled to receive \$3,000; no arrears.

Nothing worthy of special remark has occurred in this Parish to vary the report of its condition and appliances for good, which was made a year ago, except the establishment of a branch Sunday school for colored children. This department was opened soon after Christmas, and into it, from the neighborhood of our church, there have already gathered 68 children. The school is taught as the other Sunday schools are, under the common roof of the church edifice. The Rector feels a special interest in this enterprise, as being a movement towards the resumption of that arrangement, which once obtained in our congregations, and which both principle and policy commend to our adoption, to wit: the admission of colored persons into all our churches; a measure due alike to the peace of our communion, to the cause of humanity, and to the comprehensiveness of the Christian faith.

All our parochial agencies for relieving the poor, instructing the ignorant, and comforting the destitute of Christ's flock, have been, during the past season, in unusually active operation, and have accomplished much direct and reflex good.

In reviewing the list of Communicants, preparatory to the statistical report above given, the Rector has stricken off the names of not a few who, having removed from the circuit of his pastoral care in the course of years, have been heretofore retained on the register of this Parish, because it was not known to what other one they had become attached. The erasure of such names at this time causes the number of removals to seem very large, and the increase, in the aggregate, of those still reckoned as belonging to this Parish, comparatively small. Our Parish registers can never be exact, until all our Pastors require of communicants coming under their charge from other congregations the canonical letter of transfer.

With devout gratitude the Rector records that the preaching of the Gospel has been attended during the past season with evident tokens of the Divine blessing. On all occasions of public worship the attendance of the congregation has been large, and their interest in religious exercises deep and manifest. While from the younger portion of this congregation the additions to the list of our communicants have been more numerous than in any previous year.

Report of the Rev. A. A. Marple, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Wellsboro'.

Number of communicants 77. Some that lived in a neighboring town, and were reported by this Parish, have been stricken from our list, for a clergyman is now officiating in the town referred to. Thirteen of the communicants upon our list are found in or near the villages upon the Tioga river.

There have been 10 funerals, 5 infant baptisms, and 1 marriage. Collections for Bible Society, \$18, Col. Soc. \$10, Poor \$7, Sunday school \$8.

The church has been repaired, and other matters provided for, at an expense of \$250.

The Sunday school has upon its list five teachers, and not far from fifty scholars. The Rector also teaches a class. The great trouble is to get teachers enough. Those we have are good.

Services as usual; prayer and lecture twice every week during Lent. There have been three services upon nearly every Sunday. Upon the last Sunday of every month, after morning service in Wellsboro, I have held an afternoon service in Tioga, and an evening service in Lawrenceville, 25 miles distant.

I regret that on account of the increasing years and decreasing speed of my horse, I have been compelled to discontinue my visits to Lawrenceville. On other Sundays, a third service has been held in neighboring school houses, where there are found good and attentive congregations. I have also officiated three times in Middlebury, once in Covington, and once upon Pine Creek, in Lycoming county.

Church Property, Church and Rectory, and the lots upon which they are built, all in decent condition, and no debt upon them.

Report of the Rev. G. Emlen Hare, D.D., Rector, and the Rev. H. S. Speckman, assistant Minister, of St. Matthew's Church, Francisville, Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families 48, adults 118, children 78, total 196; baptisms, adults 5, infants 6, total 11; confirmed 12; communicants, added 22, died or removed 9, present number 78; marriages 2; burials 6; public services, on Sundays 152, other days 14, total 166; Sunday schools, male 2, teachers 5, pupils 47, female 2, teachers 10, pupils 69, infant 2, teachers 2, pupils 125, total schools 6, teachers 17, pupils 241; Bible classes 3, members 36, teachers 3; collec-

tions, Episcopal Fund \$7, Convention Fund \$7, Diocesan Missionary Society \$20, Missionary and other purposes \$35 56, total \$69 56; Communion alms \$52 54

Property other than Church building and lot owned by the Parish, a burial ground. Amount of indebtedness of the Church of the Parish \$150; amount of salaries the clergymen are entitled to receive, Rector \$300, Assistant Minister \$400.

Report of the Rev. J. C. Clay, D.D., Rector of Gloria Dei Church, Philadelphia.

Families, about 150; baptisms, adult 6, infants 95, total 101; confirmed 18, and 2 in private, 20; communicants, added 24, removed or deceased 27, present number 157; marriages 123; burials 86; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 50, total 154; children catechized monthly, except the three summer months, "openly in the church;" Sunday schools, male 11, teachers 10, pupils 100, female 1, teachers 15, pupils 150, total schools 2, teachers 25, pupils 250: collections, Episcopal Fund \$10, Convention Fund \$10, Society Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania \$50, Missionary and other purposes \$251 73. Property other than the Church building and burial ground, a Parsonage, Sexton's house, a few vacant lots, and ground rents amounting to about \$1,400. Amount of indebtedness \$1,850. Rector's salary \$1,000 and parsonage; arrears of salary, none.

Report of the Rev. Theodore B. Lyman, Rector of Trinity Church, Pittsburgh.

Baptisms, adults 1, infants 50, total 51; confirmed 29; communicants, last reported 230, died 6, removed 12, added 25, present number 237; marriages 7; funerals 27; collections, Clerical Relief Fund \$150 70, Pittsburgh Infirmary \$358, Thanksgiving Day, to the Poor, \$217 38, Nashotah Mission \$175, Chippeway Mission \$250, General Domestic Missions \$225, Aged and Infirm Clergymen \$106 76, Advancement Society \$200, Sunday school of Parish \$82 52, Church Building \$90 17, Convention fund \$20, Communion Alms \$240, total \$2,115 58.

The Sunday school of the Parish is in a flourishing condition, numbering about 160 scholars. A Parochial school, for boys, was established a few weeks since, and promises to be a valuable auxiliary in the work of the Church.

The Rev. J. S. B. Hodges, Deacon, was called to be the Assistant Minister of the Parish in July last, and since that time has been most profitably occupied in his appropriate duties.

LIST OF THE CONGREGATIONS
OF THE
DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

<i>Adams County.</i>		
Christ church, Huntingdon township,	Admitted	1785
<i>Alleghany County.</i>		
Trinity church, Pittsburgh,	do	1818
St. Paul's church, Pittsburgh,	do	1832
Christ church, Alleghany city,	do	1836
St. Andrew's church, Pittsburgh,	do	1838
St. James' church, Pittsburgh,	do	1852
Grace church, Mt. Washington,	do	1852
St. Luke's church, Chartier's Creek,	do	1852
Church of the Epiphany, Pittsburgh,	do	1853
St. Philip's church, Manchester,	do	1853
St. Mark's church, Birmingham,	do	1853
Calvary church, East Liberty,	do	1855
<i>Armstrong County.</i>		
St. Paul's church, Kittanning,	do	1829
Trinity church, Freeport,	do	1840
<i>Beaver County.</i>		
Georgetown church, Georgetown,	do	1814
St. Paul's church, Ohio Township,	do	1845
Christ church, New Brighton,	do	1852
<i>Berks County.</i>		
St. Gabriel's church, Morlatten,	do	1785

Christ church, Reading,	Admitted	1824
St. Thomas' church, Morgantown,	do	1825
St. Michael's church, Birdsboro',	do	1854
St. John's church, Reading,	do	1854

Bradford County.

St. Matthew's church, Pike,	do	1814
Christ church, Towanda,	do	1844
St. Paul's church, Troy,	do	1845

Bucks County.

St. James the Greater church, Bristol,	do	1785
St. Andrew's church, Yardleyville,	do	1835
St. Luke's church, Newtown,	do	1835
Grace church, Hulmeville,	do	1837
Trinity church, Centreville,	do	1840
St. Paul's church, Doylestown,	do	1847

Butler County.

St. Peter's church, Butler,	do	1827
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Carbon County.

St. Mark's church, Mauch Chunk,	do	1836
St. Philip's church, Summit Hill,	do	1850

Centre County.

Trinity church, Philipsburg,	do	1827
St. John's church, Bellefonte,	do	1839

Chester County.

St. Peter's church, Great Valley,	do	1785
St. John's church, New London township,	do	1793
St. Mary's church, Warwick township,	do	1808
St. John's church, Pequea,	do	1810
St. Paul's church, West Whiteland township,	do	1828
St. Andrew's church, West Vincent,	do	1834
St. Mark's church, Honeybrook,	do	1837
Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester,	do	1838
St. Peter's church, Phoenixville,	do	1840
St. James' church, Downingtown,	do	1844
St. James' church, West Marlboro',	do	1949

Clearfield County.

St. Andrew's church, Clearfield,	Admitted	1850
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Columbia County.

St. Paul's church, Bloomsburg,	do	1793
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St. James' church, Derry,	do	1849
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Crawford County.

Christ church, Meadville,	do	1825
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Cumberland County.

St. John's church, Carlisle,	do	1821
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Dauphin County.

St. Stephen's church, Harrisburg,	do	1826
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Delaware County.

St. Paul's church, Chester,	do	1786
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St. Martin's church, Lower Chichester township, Marcus Hook,	do	1786
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St. David's church, Newtown township, Radnor,	do	1786
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St. John's church, Concord township	do	1786
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Calvary church, Rockdale,	do	1835
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Church of the Incarnation, Darby,	do	1854
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Erie County.

St. Paul's church, Erie,	do	1827
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St. Peter's church, Waterford,	do	"
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Fayette County.

Christ church, Brownsville,	do	1825
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Grace church, Menallen,	do	1827
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Trinity church, Connelville,	do	"
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St. Peter's church, Uniontown,	do	1843
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St. Paul's church, Dunbar township,	do	1854
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Huntingdon County.

St. John's church, Huntingdon,	do	1820
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Indiana County.

St. Peter's church, Blairsville,	do	1829
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Christ church, Indiana,	do	1853
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Lancaster County.

St. James' church, Lancaster,	Admitted	1785
Bangor church, Cœrnarvon township, Churchtown,	do	1810
Christ church, Leacock,	do	1819
All Saints' church, Paradise,	do	1842
St. Paul's church, Columbia,	do	1849
St. John's church, Marietta,	do	1849
Hope church, Mount Hope,	do	1849
St. John's church, Lancaster,	do	1854

Luzerne County.

St. Stephen's church, Wilkesbarre,	do	1821
Trinity church, Carbondale,	do	1845
St. James' church, Pittston,	do	1852
St. Luke's church, Scranton,	do	1853

Lycoming County.

St. James' church, Muncy,	do	1820
Christ church, Williamsport,	do	1847

Mifflin County.

St. Mark's church, Lewistown,	do	1852
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Montgomery County.

St. James' church, Perkiomen township,	do	1785
St. Thomas' church, Whitmarsh township,	do	1786
St. John's church, Norristown,	do	1815
Christ church, Pottstown,	do	1829
The Church of the Redeemer, Lower Merion,	do	1852

Montour County.

Christ church, Danville,	do	1834
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Northampton County.

Trinity church, Easton,	do	1819
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Northumberland County.

St. Matthew's church, Sunbury,	do	1827
St. Mark's church, Northumberland,	do	1848
Christ church, Milton,	do	1849

Philadelphia City.

Christ church, Philadelphia,	Admitted	1786
St. Peter's church, Philadelphia,	do	1786
St. Paul's church, Philadelphia,	do	1786
St. James' church, Philadelphia,	do	1810
St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia,	do	1823
St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia,	do	1823
Grace church, Philadelphia,	do	1827
Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia,	do	1834
Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia,	do	1837
St. Luke's church, Philadelphia,	do	1839
Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia,	do	1847
St. Mark's church, Philadelphia,	do	1848
Church of the Mediator, Philadelphia,	do	1848
St. John's church, Northern Liberties,	do	1816
Advent church, Northern Liberties,	do	1842
St. Matthew's church, Francisville,	do	1825
St. Philip's church, Spring Garden,	do	1841
Church of the Nativity, Spring Garden,	do	1845
Church of the Redemption, Spring Garden,	do	1846
St. Jude's church, Spring Garden,	do	1848
Emmanuel church, Kensington,	do	1837
St. Bartholomew's church, Kensington,	do	1849
Church of the Messiah, Port Richmond,	do	1847
Zion church, South Penn township,	do	1849
Trinity church, Southwark,	do	1821
Church of the Evangelists, Southwark,	do	1842
Gloria Dei church, Southwark,	do	1845
All Saints church, Moyamensing,	do	1838
Church of the Crucifixion, Moyamensing,	do	1847
St. Luke's church, Germantown,	do	1818
Christ church, Germantown,	do	1853
St. David's church, Manayunk,	do	1833
St. James the Less church, North Penn township,	do	1846
Church of the Resurrection, Rising Sun,	do	1851
Trinity church, Oxford township,	do	1786

All Saints' church, Lower Dublin township,	Admitted	1786
Emmanuel church, Holmesburg,	do	1844
St. Mark's church, Frankford,	do	1846
St. Mary's church, West Philadelphia,	do	1827
St. James' church, Kingsessing,	do	1844
St. Andrew's church, West Philadelphia,	do	1852
Church of the Saviour, West Philadelphia,	do	1852
Trinity church, Maylandville,	do	1853
Church of our Saviour, Moyamensing,	do	1854
St. Clement's church, Philadelphia,	do	1855

Schuylkill County.

Trinity church, Pottsville,	do	1836
St. James' church, Schuylkill Haven,	do	1839
St. Paul's church, Minersville,	do	1841
Zion church, Tuscarora,	do	1848
Church of the Holy Apostles, St. Clair,	do	1848
Calvary church, Tamaqua,	do	1849

Susquehanna County.

St. Mark's church, New Milford,	do	1822
St. Paul's church, Montrose,	do	1832
St. Andrew's church, Springville,	do	1838

Tioga County.

St. Paul's church, Wellsborough,	do	1841
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Washington County.

Trinity church, Washington,	do	1844
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Wayne County.

Grace church, Honesdale,	do	1834
St. John's church, Salem,	do	1845
Zion church, Sterling township,	do	1851

Westmoreland County.

Christ church, Greensburg,	do	1823
St. John's church, Latrobe,	do	1853

York County.

St. John's church, York,	do	1785
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CHURCHES NOT IN UNION WITH THE CONVENTION.

Adams County.

Christ church Chapel, Petersburg, a Chapel of Christ Church,
Huntingdon.

Alleghany County.

St. Peter's church, Pittsburgh.

St. Matthew's church, Etna.

Armstrong County.

St. Michael's church, Wayne township.

Beaver County.

Trinity church, Rochester.

Berks County.

St. Michael's church, Birdsboro'.

Blair County.

St. Luke's church, Altoona.

Bradford County.

Trinity church, Athens.

Bucks County.

Christ church, Oakgrove, a Chapel of All Saints', Lower Dublin.

Clinton County.

St. James' church, Lockhaven.

Columbia County.

Christ church, Jerseytown.

Fayette County.

St. Paul's church, Mount Braddock.

Lancaster County.

St. John's Free chapel, Lancaster.

Lawrence County.

Trinity church, New Castle.

Mifflin County.

Trinity church, Locke's Mills.

Montgomery County.

Christ church, Upper Merion, Swedes church.

Philadelphia County.

St. Thomas' church, Philadelphia, for colored persons.

Church of the Redeemer, Philadelphia, Seaman's Chapel.

Calvary church, Philadelphia, Bishop White Monument church.

Susquehanna County.

Grace church, Lodersville, Great Bend.

LIST OF THE CLERGY
OF THE
DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The Rt. Rev. ALONZO POTTER, D.D., LL.D., Bishop, Philadelphia.

Allen, Thos. G., Missionary, in the city of Philadelphia.

Arey, Charles.

Atkins, A. B., rector of Christ Church, Germantown.

Bartow, Henry B., rector of St. James', Bristol.

Bean, Henry H., rector of St. Stephen's, Harrisburg.

Beasley, Frederick W., rector of All Saints' Church, Lower Dublin, and Christ Chapel, Oak Grove. P. O. Bridgewater, Bucks county.

Beatty, Archibald, minister of Trinity Church, Carbondale.

Berger, Alexander J., minister of St. Stephen's, Morrisdale, and Missionary at Philipsburg.

Bonnar, James, B. D.

Bowers, Wm. V., rector of St. Mark's, Lewistown, and Zion church, Locke's Mills.

Bowman, J. A., missionary at Newcastle, Lawrence County.

Bowman, Samuel, D.D., rector of St. James', Lancaster.

Brown, Henry, rector of St. David's. Radnor, Delaware County, and of the Church of the Redeemer, Lower Merion.

Buchanan, Edward Y., rector of Trinity Church, Oxford, Philadelphia.

Bull, Levi, D.D., P. O. Marsh, Chester County.

Byllesby, De Witt Clinton, rector of St. Paul's, Montrose.

Childs, John A., assistant minister of St. Luke's, Philadelphia.

- Christman, Aaron, officiating at Calvary Church, Philadelphia.
- Clark, Samuel A., rector of the Church of the Advent, Phila.
- Clark, Wm. H., Principal of a Female Seminary, Pittsburgh.
- Clay, Jehu C., D.D., rector of the Swedes' Church, (Gloria Dei) Philadelphia.
- Clements, Samuel.
- Coleman, John, D.D., rector of Trinity Church, Philadelphia.
- Cooley, William C., rector of the Church of our Saviour, Philadelphia.
- Cooper, Charles D., rector of St. Philip's Church, Philadelphia.
- Cooper, William H., rector of Christ Church, Williamsport.
- Cornwall, Nathaniel E., rector of St. Andrew's, Pittsburgh.
- Crooke, George Alexander.
- Crumpton, Thomas, rector of Christ Church, Alleghany.
- Davis, Thomas J., rector of the Church of the Resurrection, Rising Sun Village, Philadelphia.
- De Wolfe, Erastus, missionary, Philadelphia.
- Diehl, William N., officiating in Germantown.
- Dix, Morgan.
- Dorr, Benjamin, D.D., rector of Christ Church, Philadelphia.
- Douglass, Benjamin J., rector of Christ Church, Towanda.
- Douglass, Jacob M., rector of Zion church, Philadelphia.
- Douglass, William, rector of St. Thomas' (African) church, Philadelphia.
- Drake, George C., rector of St. James', Muncy.
- Duane, Richard B., rector of Grace Church, Honesdale.
- Ducachet, Henry W., D.D., rector of St. Stephen's, Philad'a.
- Dupuy, Charles M., Philadelphia.
- Durborow, George A., rector of the Church of the Redemption, Philadelphia.
- Durborow, Samuel, rector of the Church of the Evangelists, Philadelphia.
- Durlin, Fayette, deacon, assistant to the rector of Christ church, Greensburg.
- Eccleston, John C., M. D., assistant minister of St. James', Lancaster.

Elsegood, Joseph I., rector of Trinity Church, Easton.

Evans, Rees C., rector of St. Paul's, Doylestown, and Trinity Church, Centreville.

Field, G. C., rector of Emmanuel church, Holmesburg.

Foote, G. C., rector of St. Thomas', Whitemarsh.

Franklin, Benjamin, rector of St. John's, Philadelphia.

Furey, John G., rector of Grace church, Springville.

Goddard, Kingston, rector of the Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia.

Goodwin, James B., rector of St. Paul's church, Beaver Co., and St. Luke's, Georgetown.

Gray, Horatio.

Green, Thomas L., rector of St. Paul's, West Whiteland, Chester County.

Green, William, deacon, Philadelphia.

Hall, Richard D., chaplain to the P. E. Hospital, Philadelphia.

Hard, Anson B., P. O. Chester.

Hare, G. Emlen, D.D., rector of St. Matthew's church, and Principal of the Protestant Episcopal Academy, Philadelphia.

Helmuth, John K., assistant to the rector of St. James the Less, Falls of Schuylkill.

Hildebrand, James L., minister of St. John's, Bellefonte.

Hilton, William J., rector of St. Paul's, Kittanning.

Hinds, William J., Philadelphia.

Hirst, Marmaduke, rector of St. Paul's, Minersville.

Hodges, J. Sebastian B., assistant to the rector of Trinity church, Pittsburgh.

Hoffman, C. C., missionary to Africa.

Hooker, Herman, D.D., Philadelphia.

Hopkins, George P.

Howe, M. A. De Wolfe, D.D., rector of St. Luke's, Philadelphia.

Huntington, Benjamin S., Principal of Aston Ridge Seminary. P. O. Village Green, Delaware County.

Huntington, John T., assistant minister of St. James's, Philadelphia.

Hutcheson, J. T., deacon.

Jaquett, Joseph, teacher of Hebrew, Syriac, &c., Philadelphia.

Jones, Edward C., missionary at Blockley Alms House, Philadelphia.

Jones, Norris M., rector of St. Bartholomew's, Philadelphia.

Kendig, Daniel, deacon, minister of St. Paul's, Chester.

Killikelly, Brian B., D.D., rector of Christ church, Leacock, and All Saints', Paradise. P. O. Paradise, Lancaster County.

Kirke, George, minister at New London Cross Roads, and West Marlboro'. P. O. Downingtown, Chester County.

Knight, Cyrus F., deacon, assistant minister of St. Luke's, Germantown.

Latimer, George A., deacon, assistant to the rector of St. Paul's, Philadelphia.

Leaf, Edmund, rector of Christ church, Pottstown, St. Gabriel's, Douglassville, and St. Mark's church, Birdsboro'. P. O. Pottstown, Montgomery County.

Lightner, Edwin N., rector of Christ church, Danville.

Lightner, Milton C., rector of Christ church, Reading.

Long, John, rector of St. Luke's, Scranton, and St. James', Pittston, Luzerne County.

Lord, Samuel T., residing at Meadville, and missionary in Crawford County.

Lounsberry, Edward, rector of St. Jude's, Philadelphia.

Lycett, Edward L., minister of Bangor church, Churchtown, and St. Thomas', Morgantown.

Lyman, T. B., rector of Trinity church, Pittsburgh.

Lyons, James G., LL.D., classical teacher. P. O. West Haverford.

Mahan, Milo, B. D., professor of Ecclesiastical History in the General Theological Seminary, New York.

Marsden, Jno. H., York Springs, Adams County.

Marple, A. Augustus, rector of St. Paul's, Wellsboro'.

Maxwell, John G., rector of Emmanuel church, Kensington.

McElhinny, John J., rector of St. Paul's, Pittsburgh.

McLeod, Alexander, M. D., officiating at Columbia and Marietta.

Mendenhall, Edward, rector of St. John's church, Salem, Wayne County, and missionary in parts adjacent.

Mercer, Alexander G.

Meyer, Edward.

Miles, G. D., rector of St. Stephen's, Wilkesbarre.

Miller, Daniel S., rector of St. Mark's, Frankford.

Mintzer, George, rector of St. James', Perkiomen. P. O. Perkiomen Bridge, Montgomery.

Montgomery, W. W., minister of St. Matthew's, Sunbury, and St. Mark's, Northumberland.

Morris, B. Wistar, rector of St. David's, Manayunk.

Morss, Jacob B., rector of St. John's, Carlisle.

Morton, H. J., D.D., rector of St. James', Philadelphia.

Murphy, John K., rector of Calvary church, Rockdale, and St. John's, Concord, Delaware County.

Nash, Sylvester, missionary in Western Pennsylvania.

Natt, G. W., rector of St. Andrew's church, Mantua Village, Philadelphia.

Newton, Richard, D.D., rector of St. Paul's, Philadelphia.

Newton, William, rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester.

Odenheimer, W. H., rector of St. Peter's, Philadelphia.

Ogilby, Frederick, rector of the Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia.

Oliver, Robert W., deacon.

Paddock, William H., rector of Christ church, Greensburg, and district missionary in Western Pennsylvania.

Page, James A., rector of Christ church, Brownsville.

Perkins, W. S.

Pinckney, Thos. A., missionary on the Western Coast of Africa.

Platt, G. Lewis, rector of the Church of the Mediator, Philadelphia.

Pradt, J. B., missionary in Potter and McKean counties. P. O. Coudersport.

Prior, Azariah, rector of St. James', Schuylkill Haven, and missionary at large in Schuylkill County.

Quick, Charles W., rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Pittsburgh.

Rambo, J., missionary to Africa.

Randall, Samuel, minister of St. James' church, Pittsburgh.

Ray, Wm. P., deacon, minister of St. James', Downingtown.

Rees, William H., rector of Christ (Swedes') church, Upper Merion. P. O. Norristown.

Robins, James W., deacon, assistant minister of St. Mark's, Philadelphia.

Rodney, John, rector of St. Luke's, Germantown.

Rogers, Joshua, Easton.

Rudderow, Joel, rector of the Church of the Messiah, Richmond, Philadelphia.

Rumney, Theodore S., rector of St. Peter's church, Uniontown, and Grace church, Menallen.

Russell, Peter, rector of St. Mark's, Mauch Chunk, and St. Philip's, Summit Hill.

Skinner, Gardiner M., rector of St. Mark's, New Milford, and Grace church, Loderville.

Smith, J. Brinton, rector of St. James', Kingessing, Phila.

Smith, Richard, missionary at Pittsburgh and parts adjacent.

Spackman, H. S., assistant minister of St. Matthew's church, Francisville, Philadelphia.

Stem, Nathan, rector of St. John's, Norristown.

Stevens, Wm. Bacon, D.D., rector of St. Andrew's, Philadelphia.

Stone, Joseph A., rector of Calvary church, Tamaqua, and Zion church, Tuscarora.

Suddards, William, rector of Grace church, Philadelphia.

Talbot, Mortimer R., Chaplain in the U. S. Navy. P. O. Phila.

Taylor, Joseph P., rector of Christ church, New Brighton.

Ten Broeck, Anthony, rector of the Church of St. James the Less, Falls of Schuylkill.

Thomson, C. West, rector of St. John's, York.

Thrall, George P., assistant minister of the church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia.

Trapier, Richard S., missionary to seamen in the port of Phila.

Tullidge, Henry, rector of St. Paul's, Bloomsburg.

Tyng, Dudley A., rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Phila.

Van Deusen, E. M., Rector of St. Peter's, Pittsburgh.

Van Pelt, Peter, Secretary to the General Board of Missions, Philadelphia.

Varian, Alexander, rector of Christ church, Meadville.

Vaughan, John A., D.D., rector of the Episcopal Female Institute, Philadelphia.

Ver Mehr, J. L., LL.D., assistant rector of Grace church, San Francisco, and Principal of a School in Sonora, California.

Washburn, Daniel, rector of Trinity church, Pottsville.

Webb, W. E., rector of St. Luke's, Newtown, Grace church, Hulmeville, and St. Andrew's, Yardleyville. P. O. Attleboro', Bucks County.

White, William, rector of St. Peter's, Butler.

Wheeler, Charles H., Principal of the Episcopal Female Institute, Philadelphia.

Wilcoxon, Hanson T., rector of Trinity church, Connellsville, and St. Paul's, Mount Braddock.

Wiley, F. S., rector of the Church of the Nativity, Philada.

Williams, C. P., D.D., Classical Teacher, Philadelphia.

Williamson, John, deacon, minister of Trinity church, Freeport, and missionary in Leechburg, Armstrong. P. O. Freeport.

Wilmer, J. P. B., rector of St. Mark's, Philadelphia.

Wilson, Bird, D.D., LL.D., Emeritus Professor in the General Theological Seminary, New York.

Winchester, T. W., rector of St. Paul's and St. Peter's, Great Valley, Chester County.

Woods, Henry W., officiating at West Philadelphia and Maylandville.

Woodward, James A., rector of St. Mary's, Warwick, and St. Andrew's, West Vincent, Chester County.

Wright, Edward P., rector of St. John's, Pequea.

Wyatt, Christopher B., rector of Trinity church, San Francisco.

Yarnall, T. C., rector of St. Mary's church, Philadelphia.

Dr.

Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in

		Dolla.	C.
1854.			
May, 10,	To cash paid Rt. Rev. Bishop Potter, to April 19, 1854,		322 76
" 18,	" Rev. John G. Furey,	\$11	50
	" " G. W. Skinner,	10	00
	" " George Kirke,	1	00
	" " Wm. H. Paddock,	10	00
	" " S. Nash,	10	00
	" " Wm. Hilton,	14	00
	" " Geo. D. Miles,	7	00
	" " Richard B. Duane,	9	00
	" " Samuel Clements,	10	50
	" " George C. Drake,	9	50
	" " John A. Stone,	3	00
	" " John Long,	12	50
	" " C. W. Thomson,	1	50
	" " A. A. Marple,	10	50
	" " Thomas Crumpton,	12	50
	" " A. Beatty,	9	50
	" " Peter Russell,	5	00
	" " R. O. Page,	7	50
	" " J. D. Mendenhall,	7	50
	" " George Mintzer,	1	00
	" " J. M. Rogers,	6	00
	" " J. J. Elsegood,	6	00
	" " A. Prior,	4	00
	" " D. C. Bylesby,	9	50
	" " J. J. McIlhinny,	12	50
	" " Richard Smith,	12	00
	" " M. Taylor,	13	50
	" " Samuel Randall,	12	50
	" " Wm. White,	14	00
	" " Henry H. Bean,	4	50
	" " Wm. W. Montgomery,	4	50
	" " Richard Temple,	12	00
		274	
	To cash paid James Montgomery, Sexton, expenses of the Convention,		31 50
	To cash paid for Account Book,		1 25
July 13,	To cash paid E. Cowperthwait & Co., for making Carpet for Committee room,		2 04
" 17,	To cash paid King & Baird's bill,		16 00
" 17,	To cash paid Duncan White, for binding Journals,		2 60
" 17,	To cash paid for Minute Book,		3 25
" 19,	To cash paid for copying Journal of Convention,		20 00
Sept. 22,	To cash paid Stavely & McCalla, on account,		200 00
1855.			
Jan. 8,	To cash paid Stavely & McCalla, in full,		177 91
March 29,	To cash paid for oak table,		23 00
April 9,	To cash paid Rt. Rev. Bishop Potter, sight draft, for travelling expenses,		300 00
May 4,	To cash paid John McIntyre's bill,		19 84
	Amount carried forward,		\$1394 15

*Pennsylvania, in account with Franklin Bacon, Treasurer.**Cr.*

		Dolls.	C.
1854.			
May 9,	By balance per account rendered, -		240 53
" 10,	By cash contribution from St. James' Church, Philadelphia, -	63 39	
" 12,	Do from Grace Church, Mt. Washington, -	69	
" 13,	" St. Luke's Church, Germantown, -	10 00	
" 15,	" St. Paul's Church, Philada., -	40 00	
" 15,	" St. Stephen's Church, Philada., -	50 00	
" 15,	" Church of the Atonement, Philada., -	25 00	
" 18,	" St. Peter's Church, Great Valley, -	2 20	
	" St. James' Church, Kingessing, -	6 87	
	" St. Stephen's Church, Harrisburg, -	13 75	
	" St. Matthew's Church, Francisville, -	15 55	
	" St. James' Church, Lancaster, -	27 00	
	" St. John's Church, Carlisle, -	8 00	
	" Emmanuel Church, Kensington, -	5 00	
	" St. Andrew's Church, West Philada., -	2 75	
	" Christ Church, Alleghany, -	8 50	
	" St. John's Church, Norristown, -	8 00	
	" Trinity Church, Pittsburgh, -	20 00	
	" St. Paul's Church, Minerville, -	2 00	
	" St. Andrew's Church, Pittsburgh, -	14 00	
	" Grace Church, Honesdale, -	10 00	
	" St. Paul's Church, Wellsboro', -	10 00	
	" St. Luke's Church, Chartier's Creek, -	5 00	
	" Church of the Nativity, Spring Garden, -	12 19	
	" St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook, -	5 00	
	" St. Andrew's Church, Springville, -	3 00	
	" Gloria Dei Church, Southwark, -	10 00	
	" St. Paul's Church, Montrose, -	7 85	
	" St. Matthew's Church, Pike, -	1 21	
	" St. Mark's Church, Mauch Chunk, -	2 00	
	" St. Philip's Church, Summit Hill, -	2 00	
	" St. John's Church, New London, -	2 82	
	" Church of the Holy Trinity, Westchester, -	13 70	
	" Christ Church, Danville, -	5 63	
	" St. Peter's Church, Butler, -	5 05	
	" St. Paul's Church, Pittsburgh, -	2 50	
	" Church of the Redeemer, Lower Merion, -	3 00	
	" St. Luke's Church, Scranton, -	5 00	
	" Christ Church, Towanda, -	8 00	
	" St. James' Church, Muncy, -	23 30	
	" Calvary Church, Rockdale, -	5 00	
	" St. John's Church, Concoard, -	5 00	
	" Grace Church, Mt. Washington, -	2 50	
	" Trinity Church, Washington, -	5 00	
	" St. John's Church, York, -	16 77	
	" St. James' Church, Westmoreland, -	60	
	" St. Stephen's Church, Wilkesbarre, -	20 00	
	" Church of the Ascension, Philada., -	10 00	
	" Christ Church, Pottstown, -	3 00	
	Amount carried forward, \$527 82	\$240 53	

Dr. Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in

1855. May 4,	To amount brought forward,	<i>Dolls. C.</i> 1394 15
1855. May 8,	To balance due the Treasurer,	1394 15 \$79 55
<p>The undersigned have examined the foregoing account, and have compared the vouchers with the entry, and found the same correct.</p> <p>THOMAS ROBINS, } JOHN BOHLEN, } <i>Committee.</i></p> <p><i>Philadelphia, May 8th, 1855.</i></p>		

Pennsylvania, in account with Franklin Bacon, Treasurer. Cr.

		Dolla.	C.
1854.			
May 18,	To amounts brought forward,	\$527 32	240 53
	By cash from contributions:		
	From St. James' Church, Schuylkill Haven,	5 00	
	" Christ Church, Reading, -	16 25	
	" Church of the Advent, Philada., -	18 65	
	" Trinity Church, Freeport, -	2 00	
	" Trinity Church, Carbondale, -	5 00	
	" Christ Church, Greensburg, -	4 34	
	" St. Paul's Church, Kittanning, -	7 09	
	" Trinity Church, Oxford, -	5 00	
	" St. James' Church, Pittsburgh, -	7 00	
	" Calvary Church, Tamaqua, -	4 00	
	" Christ Church, New Brighton, -	2 00	
	" Trinity Church, Pottsville, -	14 31	
	" St. Mark's Church, New Milford, -	3 50	
	" St. Peter's Church, Blairsville, -	2 34	
	" All Saints' Church, Paradise, -	5 00	
	" Christ Church, Leacock, -	5 00	
	" St. James' Church, Bristol, -	2 50	
	" St. John's Church, Salem, -	2 66	
	" Grace Church, Hulmeville, -	2 00	
	" St. Luke's Church, Newtown, -	2 00	
	" St. James' Church, Perkiomen, -	2 50	
	" St. Paul's Church, West Whiteland, -	1 50	
	" St. John's Church, Pequea, -	6 50	
	" St. Paul's Church, Columbia, -	2 00	655 96
	" St. Luke's Church, Philada., -		75 00
	" Emmanuel Church, Holmesburg, -		7 52
	" St. John's Church, Carlisle, -		8 00
July 5,	" All Saints' Church, Lower Dublin, -		16 85
Oct 9,	" All Saints' Church, Lower Dublin, -		33 66
Nov. 2,	" Trinity Church, Southwark, -		13 80
" 11,	" St. Mark's Church, Philada., -		33 70
1855.			
Jan. 10,	" Christ Church, Philada., -		56 41
March 19,	" All Saints' Church, Lower Dublin, -		11 59
April 20,	" St. Peter's Church, Uniontown, -		3 00
" 24,	" St. Philip's Church, Philada., -		50 00
May 1,	" Church of the Atonement, Philada., -		25 00
" 1,	" Grace Church, Philada., -		75 00
" 4,	" Trinity Church, Connellsville, -		1 50
" 4,	" St. Paul's Church, Mt. Braddock, -		1 50
" 8,	" St. Mark's Church, Northumberland, -		2 15
" 8,	" St. Matthew's Church, Sunbury, -		3 43
" 8,	Balance due the Treasurer, -		79 55
			\$1394 15
	E. E. FRANKLIN BACON, Treasurer.		
	Philada., May 8th, 1855.		

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Fund for Disabled Clergymen

		Dolls.	C.
1854.			
June, 6,	To cash paid Rev. Robert Davis, one qr. appropriation, due 1st September 1854,	50	00
" 6,	To cash paid for Receipt Book, - - - - -	62	
July 3,	To cash paid Rev. Anson B. Hard, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst., - - - - -	62	50
" 3,	To cash paid Mrs. Rachel Bryant, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst., - - - - -	25	00
" 3,	To cash paid Mrs. Lydia Lane, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst., - - - - -	50	00
" 3,	To cash paid Mrs. F. B. Bourns, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst., - - - - -	50	00
" 12,	To cash paid Rev. Samuel T. Lord, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst., - - - - -	62	50
" 27,	To cash paid Rev. G. P. Hopkins, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst., - - - - -	62	50
Aug. 29,	To cash paid Rev. Norris M. Jones, special appropriation,	100	00
Sept. 11,	To cash paid Rev. Robert Davis, one qr. appropriation, due December 1st, - - - - -	50	00
" 29,	To cash paid Mrs. Rachel Bryant, one qr. appropriation, due October 1st, - - - - -	25	00
Oct. 2,	To cash paid Mrs. Lydia Lane, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst., - - - - -	50	00
" 2,	To cash paid Mrs. F. B. Bourns, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst., - - - - -	50	00
" 4,	To cash paid Rev. Anson B. Hard, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst., - - - - -	62	50
" 21,	To cash paid Rev. George P. Hopkins, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst., - - - - -	62	50
Nov. 15,	To cash paid Rev. Peter Russell, special appropriation,	37	50
" 15,	To cash paid Rev. J. A. Bowman, special appropriation,	37	50
Dec. 8,	To cash paid Rev. Robert Davis, one qr. appropriation, due 1st March, - - - - -	50	00
" 8,	To cash paid Rev. Robert Davis, special appropriation,	50	00
" 30,	To cash paid Rev. Anson B. Hard, one qr. appropriation, due January 1st, 1855, - - - - -	62	50
1855.			
Jan. 2,	To cash paid Mrs. Rachel Bryant, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst., - - - - -	25	00
" 3,	To cash paid Mrs. F. B. Bourns, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst., - - - - -	50	00
" 3,	To cash paid Mrs. Lydia Lane, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst., - - - - -	50	00
" 15,	To cash paid Rev. George P. Hopkins, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst., - - - - -	62	50
" 27,	To cash paid Rev. Norris M. Jones, special appropriation,	100	00
" 29,	To cash paid discount on uncurrent money, - - - - -	40	
" 30,	To cash paid for \$700 City of Phila. 6 per cent. loan,	636	12
March 3,	To cash paid Rev. Robert Davis, one qr. appropriation, due June 1st, - - - - -	50	00
" 23,	To cash paid Rev. Anson B. Hard, one qr. appropriation, due 1st April, - - - - -	62	50
Amount carried forward,		\$3037	14

*in account with Franklin Bacon, Treasurer.**Cr.*

		Dolls.	C.
1854.			
May 16,	By balance per account rendered, -	1360	01
" 18,	By contribution from St. James' Church, Lancaster, -		
	" St. Stephen's Church, Harrisburg, -	45	00
	" St. Andrew's Church, Pittsburgh, -	17	06
	" Holy Trinity Church, Westchester, -	33	00
	" St. Luke's Church, Chartier's Creek, -	19	00
	" Trinity Church, Freeport, -	5	00
	" St. Paul's Church, Kittanning, -	4	00
	" St. John's Church, Pequea, -	7	00
	" St. Peter's Church, Butler, -	5	00
	" St. John's Church, Carlisle, -	5	50
	" St. John's Church, Carlisle, -	15	65
Sept. 16,	" Int. on invt. \$1000 City 5 per cent. loan, -		
Nov. 6,	" contribution from All Saints' Church, Lower Dublin, -	47	00
	" St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia, -	36	42
Dec. 19,	" St. Peter's Church, " -	93	41
" 26,	" St. Stephen's Church, " -	129	00
" 26,	" St. Stephen's Church, " -	46	36
" 26,	" All Saints' Church, " -	5	00
" 26,	" Emmanuel Church, Holmesburgh, -	23	80
" 26,	" St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia, -	95	00
" 27,	" Church of the Messiah, Richmond, -	5	00
" 27,	" Gloria Dei Church, Philadelphia, -	16	00
" 27,	" St. James' Church, " -	100	00
" 27,	" St. John's Church, " -	20	85
" 28,	" Trinity Church, Pottsville, -	26	31
" 28,	" Christ Church, Williamsport, -	7	65
" 29,	" Trinity Church, Easton, -	11	00
" 29,	" Church of the Advent, Philadelphia, -	30	35
1855.			
Jan. 2,	" Christ Church, Meadville, -	10	31
" 2,	" Communicants of Easton, per Rev. J. M. Rogers, -	10	00
" 2,	" Grace Church, Honesdale, -	15	00
" 2,	" St. Mark's Church, Frankford, -	20	00
" 2,	" St. David's Church, Manayunk, -	7	50
" 2,	" St. Mary's Church, West Philadelphia, -	15	81
" 4,	" St. Peter's Church, Pittsburgh, -	24	48
" 4,	" St. Stephen's Church, Wilkesbarre, -	25	00
" 8,	" A Lady, -	1	00
" 8,	" St. Luke's Church, Philadelphia, -	180	00
" 8,	" St. Peter's Church, Phila., (additional,) -	10	00
" 8,	" Christ Church, Reading, -	21	14
" 8,	" St. Andrew's Church, Mantua, -	3	25
" 8,	" Christ Church, Pottstown, -	8	00
" 10,	" Christ Church, Philadelphia, -	64	84
" 11,	" St. Paul's Church, Montrose, -	3	36
" 12,	" Trinity Church, Oxford, -	8	00
" 16,	" St. James' Church, Perkiomen, -	5	37
" 19,	" St. Matthew's Church, Sunbury, -	7	50
	Amounts carried forward,	\$1241 92	\$1407 01

Dr.

Fund for Disabled Clergymen

		Dolls.	C.
1855.	Amount brought forward,	2037	14
March 23,	To cash paid George P. Hopkins, one qr. appropriation, due 1st April,	62	50
" 28,	To cash paid Mrs. Rachel Bryant, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst.,	25	00
April 2,	To cash paid Mrs. F. B. Bourns, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst.,	50	00
" 2,	To cash paid Mrs. Lydia Lane, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst.,	50	00
" 2,	To cash paid Rev. H. W. Ducachet, D. D., to pay funeral and other expenses of the late Rev. Robert Davis,	200	00
May 5,		425	51
May 12,	Balance carried down,	2850	15

Report of the Trustees of the Christmas Fund.

The Trustees of the Christmas Fund for Disabled Clergymen, respectfully report, that during the past year they have received \$1490 14, of which \$1406 64, was contributed by fifty-four churches, \$13 by individuals, and \$70 50 interest, on temporary investments in Philadelphia City Loans.

The balance in the Treasurer's hands at the commencement of the fiscal year was \$1390 01. There has been expended since that time, the sum of \$2424 64, leaving \$425 51, to meet the expenses for the remainder of the year. There remains, also, invested, \$1700 in Philadelphia City Loans, as a reserve fund, to meet any sudden and urgent demand.

The benefits of the Trust have been extended to four clergymen, and the widows of three, at an annual expenditure of \$1450, and aid has been afforded to three other clergymen, temporarily disabled from the discharge of their ministerial duties.

WM. H. NEWBOLD, Secretary.

Philadelphia, May 16th, 1855.

in account with Franklin Bacon, Treasurer,

Cr.

			Dolls.	C.
1855.				
Jan. 19,	Amounts brought forward,	1241 92		1407 01
" 19,	By contribution from St. Mark's Church,			
	Northumberland,	3 00		
" 25,	" St. Andrew's Church, Springville,	4 00		
" 29,	" Mrs. Montgomery and Miss Shoemaker,			
	Muncy,	2 00		
" 30,	" St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook,	4 71		
" 30,	" St. James' Church, Muncy,	7 51		
Feb. 6,	" St. Matthew's Church, Francisville,	12 00		
" 14,	" Christ Church, Greensburg,	4 24		
" 14,	" St. John's Church, Bellefonte,	5 00		
" 22,	" Trinity Church, Pittsburgh,	106 76		
" 22,	" St. Luke's Church, Chartier's Creek,	3 50		
" 22,	" Grace Church, Mount Washington,	3 00		
March 7,	" St. Mark's Church, Mauch Chunk,	13 00		
" 7,	" St. Peter's Church, Summit Hill,	9 00		1419 64
May 4,	Interest on investment \$1000 City 5 per cent. loan,			23 50
				\$2850 15
May 12,	By balance brought down,			\$425 51
E. & O. E. FRANKLIN BACON, Treasurer. Philadelphia, May 12th, 1855.				
We have examined the foregoing account, compared it with the vouchers, and found it correct, the balance in the Treasurer's hands being four hundred and twenty- five dollars and fifty-one cents, and the investment of seventeen hundred dollars in the bonds of the city of Philadelphia.				
THOMAS ROBINS, } WM. H. NEWBOLD, } Committee.				
Philadelphia, May 14th, 1855.				

Dr. The Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Pennsylvania,

			Dolla.	C.
1854.	<i>Salary paid to Binner Porran.</i>			
Aug. 23,	To cash paid one quarter's salary, due			
	this day,	\$1000 00		
Nov. 23,	To cash paid one quarter's salary, due			
1855.	this day,	1000 00		
Feb. 26,	To cash paid one quarter's salary, due			
	23d inst.,	1000 00		
May 8,	To cash paid one quarter's salary, due			
	23d inst.,	1000 00	4000 00	
<i>INVESTMENTS made by order of the Standing Committee.</i>				
1855.				
May 8,	In Pennsylvania 5 per cent. loan certificate for \$750,		651 56	
	at 86½		43 86	
" 8,	Balance in Bank of North America			
Amount carried forward,			\$4695 42	

in account with John Welsh, Treasurer.

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		Dolls.	C.
1854.			
May 9,	By balance as per act. submitted and accredited this day,		9 61
	<i>Receipts from PARISHES during the year.</i>		
" 12,	St. Luke's Church, Germantown,	\$10 00	
" 11,	Atonement " Philadelphia,	50 00	
" 17,	Redemption " Philadelphia,	2 50	
	St. James' " Perkiomen,	2 50	
	St. Mark's " Mauch Chunk	2 00	
	St. Philip's " Summit Hill	2 00	
	St. Stephen's " Harrisburg,	22 21	
	St. James' " Kingsessing,	14 00	
	St. John's " Carlisle,	10 00	
	St. James' " Lancaster,	26 30	
	Christ " Brownsville,	6 65	
	Emmanuel " Kensington,	18 00	
	St. John's " Norristown,	8 76	
	St. Andrew's " West Philada.,	4 25	
	St. Paul's " Chester,	7 83	
	St. Peter's " Great Valley,	1 75	
	Trinity " Pittsburgh,	100 00	
	Grace " Honesdale,	15 00	
	St. Andrew's " Pittsburgh,	21 00	
	St. Martin's " Marcus Hook,	5 00	
	St. John's " New London,	2 20	
	Nativity " Philadelphia,	12 19	
	Zion " Sterling,	1 33	
" 18,	St. Thomas' " Morgantown,	3 00	
	St. John's " Peques,	5 00	
	St. James' " Bristol,	2 50	
	Advent " Philadelphia,	18 65	
	Trinity " Carbondale,	5 00	
" 20,	All Saints' " Lower Dublin,	5 00	
" 22,	St. Paul's " West Whiteland,	3 48	
" 23,	St. Paul's " Columbia,	3 00	
June 6,	Christ " Reading,	17 88	
" 15,	Gloria Dei " Philadelphia,	10 00	
" 20,	Trinity " Pottsville,	20 84	
" 27,	Emmanuel " Holmesburg,	11 75	
July 27,	St. James' " Muncy,	9 09	
	St. Stephen's " Wilkesbarre,	20 00	
Aug. 17,	Christ " Towanda,	10 00	
" 22,	Christ " Danville,	6 00	
" 27,	St. John's " Peques,	5 56	
Nov. 2,	Trinity " Southwark,	25 00	
" 9,	St. Mark's " Philadelphia,	71 55	
1855.			
Feb. 1,	St. Mark's " New Milford,	5 50	
March 22,	St. Paul's " Chester,	6 61	
April 2,	St. Mark's " Philadelphia,	64 57	
" 21,	St. Peter's " Uniontown,	3 00	
May 1,	Atonement " Philadelphia,	50 00	728 45
Amount carried forward,			\$738 06

Dr. The Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

1855.	Amount brought forward,	Dolls.	C.
		\$4695	42
	Amount carried forward,	\$4695	49

in account with John Welsh, Treasurer,

Cr.

			Dolls.	C.
1854.	Amount brought forward,		738	08
	<i>Receipts from INVESTMENTS:</i>			
July 7,	Six months' interest on Philadelphia 6 per cent. R. R. loan, \$400, . . .	12 00		
	Less state tax, . . .	60		
1855.		11 40		
Jan. 12,	Six months' interest on Philadelphia 6 per cent. R. R. loan, \$400, . . .	12 00		
	Less state tax, . . .	60		
1854.		11 40		
Aug. 21,	Six months' interest on \$22,926 26 Penn- sylvania 5 per cent. loan, . . .	573 16		
	Less state tax, . . .	25 10		
1855.		548 06		
Feb. 5,	Six months' interest on \$22,926 26 Penn- sylvania 5 per cent. loan, . . .	573 16		
	Less state tax, . . .	25 10		
		548 06		
1854.	<i>Receipts from the A. Dox LEGACY:</i>		1118	92
Aug. 27,	Six months' interest on \$1991 67 Penn- sylvania 5 per cent. loan, . . .	49 79		
	Less state tax, . . .	2 48		
1855.		47 31		
Feb. 5,	Six months' interest on \$1991 67 Penn- sylvania 5 per cent. loan, . . .	49 79		
	Less state tax, . . .	2 48		
1854.		47 31		
Nov. 18,	McCall's Ground Rent, 1 year, due August 1, . . .	12 00		
	Less taxes, . . .	3 00		
1855.		9 00		
May 7,	William Stewart's Ground Rent, 1 year, due February 1st, . . .	144 00		
			247	82
	<i>Receipts from the KONNE LEGACY:</i>			
1854,	Six months' interest on \$4600 Philadel- phia 6 per cent. R. R. loan, . . .	138 00		
July 7,	Less state tax, . . .	6 90		
1855.		131 10		
Jan. 12,	Six months' interest on \$4600 Philadel- phia 6 per cent. R. R. loan, . . .	138 00		
	Less state tax, . . .	6 90		
		131 10		
May 8,	Twelve months' interest on \$150 Penn- sylvania 5 per cent. loan, . . .	7 50		
	Less state tax, . . .	30		
		7 20	269	40
	Amount carried forward,		\$2374	00

		Dolls.	C.
1855.	Amount brought forward,	4695	42
	Amount carried forward,	\$4695	42

in account with John Welsh, Treasurer,

Cr.

			Dolls.	C.
	Amount brought forward,		\$2374	00
1874.	Receipts from the PILMORE LEGACY, through			
Aug. 2,	R. R. Montgomery, Esq., Treasurer :			
	Six months' interest on \$7950 48 Penn-			
	sylvania 5 per cent. loan, -	198	76	
	Less state tax, -	9	94	
1855.				
Feb. 1,	Six months' interest on \$7950 48 Penn-			
	sylvania 5 per cent. loan, -	198	76	
	Less state tax, -	9	94	
			188	82
				377 64
1854.	Receipts from the HUTCHINS' LEGACY, through			
Aug. 2,	R. R. Montgomery, Esq., Treasurer :			
	Six months' interest on \$1800 58 Penn-			
	sylvania 5 per cent. loan, -	47	01	
	Less state tax, -	2	35	
1855.				
Feb. 1,	Six months' interest on \$1800 58 Penn-			
	sylvania 5 per cent. loan, -	47	02	
	Less state tax, -	2	35	
			44	66
				89 33
1854.	Receipts from the LOAN IN AID OF THE FUND FOR THE			
June 12,	SUPPORT OF THE EPISCOPATE IN PENNSYLVANIA,			
	through R. R. Montgomery, Esq., Treasurer.			
	Six months' interest on mortgage on			
	P. E. Academy, \$2500, -	75	00	
	Six months' interest on Lehigh mort-			
	gage 6 per cent. loan, \$1495 36, -	44	86	
			119	86
	Less proportion paid Bishop H. U. On-			
	derdonk, -	23	97	
Aug. 2,				95 89
	Six months' interest on \$3474 81, Penn-			
	sylvania 5 per cent. loan, -	86	87	
	Less state tax, -	4	34	
1855.				
Feb. 3,	Six months' interest on \$3474 81, Penn-			
	sylvania 5 per cent. loan, -	86	87	
	Less state tax, -	4	34	
1854.				
Aug. 2,				82 53
	Six months' interest on \$2824 86, Penn-			
	sylvania 5 per cent. loan, -	70	62	
	Less state tax, -	3	53	
			67	09
	Less proportion paid Bishop H. U. On-			
	derdonk, -	14	12	
			52	97
	Amounts carried forward,	\$313	92	\$2840 97

Dr. The Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Pennsylvania,

		<i>Dolls.</i>	<i>C.</i>
1854.	Amount brought forward,	\$4695	42
	Amount carried forward,	\$4695	42

<i>Dolls.</i>	<i>C.</i>
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		Doll.	C.
1855.	Amounts brought forward,	\$313	92
Feb. 1,	Six months' interest on \$2824 86, Penn- sylvania 5 per cent. loan, -	70	62
	Less state tax, -	3	53
		67	09
	Six months' interest on \$1495 36 Lehigh mortgage 6 per cent. loan, -	44	86
		111	95
	Less proportion paid Bishop H. U. On- derdonk, -	21	42
		90	53
		404	45
1854.	SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS in aid of the BISHOP'S SALARY.		
May 10,	St. James' Church, Philadelphia,	150	00
Nov. 21,	St. Stephen's " "	150	00
Dec. 14,	Epiphany, " "	150	00
" 26,	Grace, " "	150	00
" 30,	St. Andrew's, " "	150	00
1855.			
Jan. 10,	Christ, " "	150	00
" 19,	St. Paul's, " "	150	00
Feb. 8,	St. Luke's, " "	150	00
" 24,	St. Philip's, " "	100	00
May 8,	St. Peter's, " "	150	00
		1450	00
	Amount carried forward,	\$465	42

Dr. The Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

		<i>Dolls.</i>	<i>C.</i>
1855.	Amount brought forward,	\$4695	42
		\$4695	42
<p>The subscribers, appointed by the Standing Committee, do certify that they have examined the foregoing account and found it correct; they have also examined the certificates of stock in which the fund is invested, and found that they amount to twenty-three thousand six hundred and seventy-six dollars and twenty-six cents of Pennsylvania 5 per cent. loan, and four hundred dollars of Philadelphia City R. R. 6 per cent. loan belonging to the "Episcopal Fund," and four thousand six hundred dollars Philadelphia City R. R. 6 per cent. loan, and one hundred and fifty dollars Pennsylvania 5 per cent. loan belonging to the "Kohne Legacy."</p>			
<p>\$23,676 26 Penna. 5 per cent. loan. 400 00 Philada. City R. R. 6 per cent. loan.</p>			
<p>\$24,076 26 Episcopal Fund.</p>			
<p>\$4600 00 Philada. City R. R. 6 per cent. loan. 150 00 Penna. 5 per cent. loan.</p>			
<p>\$4750 00 Kohne Legacy.</p>			
<p>THOMAS ROBINS, } JOHN BOHLEN, } <i>Committee.</i> Philadelphia, May 9th, 1855.</p>			

in account with John Welsh, Treasurer,

Cr.

		Dolla.	C.
1855.	Amounts brought forward,	4695	42
May 8,	By balance in Bank of North America,	4695	42
			43 86
	<p>E. & O. E. JOHN WELSH, Treasurer. Philadelphia May 8th, 1855.</p> <p>The "Episcopal Fund" of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, consists of twenty-three thousand six hundred and seventy-six dollars twenty six cents, in Pennsylvania 5 per cent. loan, four hundred dollars in Philadelphia City R. R. 6 per cent. loan, and forty-three dollars eighty-six cents in Bank of North America; and the "Kohne Legacy" of four thousand six hundred dollars in Philadelphia City R. R. 6 per cent. loan, and one hundred and fifty dollars in Pennsylvania 5 per cent. loan. During the year the investment for the Episcopal Fund has been increased by the purchase, under the orders of the Standing Committee, of seven hundred and fifty dollars Pennsylvania 5 per cent. loan.</p> <p>\$23,676 26 Penna. 5 per cent. loan. 400 00 Philada. City R. R. 6 per cent. loan.</p> <p><u>\$24,076 26 Episcopal Fund.</u></p> <p>\$4,600 00 Philada. City R. R. 6 per cent. loan. 150 00 Penna. 5 per cent. loan.</p> <p><u>\$4,750 00 Kohne Legacy.</u></p> <p>JAMES S. SMITH, G. M. WHARTON, } Trustees of the JOHN WELSH, } Episcopal Fund. THOMAS ROBINS, }</p> <p>Philad., May 9, 1855.</p>		

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.*

Report of the Rev. Henry H. Bean, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Harrisburg.

Baptisms, adults 5, infants 15, total 20; confirmed 5; communicants, added 14, removed 6, present number 74; burials 2; public services, on Sundays 102, other days 32, total 134; Sunday Schools 2, teachers 8, pupils 50, infant school, teacher 1, pupils 40, total, teachers 9, pupils 90; collections, Episcopal Fund \$14 57, Convention Fund \$15, Diocesan Missions \$52 70, Missionary and other purposes \$1644 14, total \$1726 41.

Property other than the Church building and lot owned by the Parish, a lot on which to erect a parsonage; amount of indebtedness of the Church of the Parish none; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$800; arrears of salary \$120.

For various reasons the building of a parsonage mentioned in my last report, was postponed. A contract has now been made and the work commenced; the building is to be finished by the 1st of October ensuing. The cost of the building, pavements, fences and everything complete will be \$3500.

Report of the Rev. Dudley A. Tyng, Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, for the year ending May 12th, 1856.

Congregation, number of families not fully ascertained, supposed to be 800; baptisms, adults 6, infants 40, total 46; confirmed 47; marriages 13; burials 26; Sunday Schools, male teachers 27, scholars 277, female 33, scholars 370, total teachers 60, scholars 647; benevolent contributions \$6,951 66; salary \$3000, by the kindness of the Treasurer paid monthly in advance, an example worthy of universal imitation.

Report of the Rev. J. S. Hildebrand, Rector of St. John's Church, Bellefonte.

Within the past year there have been in this parish 6 baptisms; 4 persons confirmed; 2 marriages; communicants, added 3, present number 41; burials 2; public services, 2 nearly every Sunday, and a

* Received too late for their proper place.

week-day service for the greater part of the year, though during part of the winter months it was suspended; children frequently catechized and addressed in the school-room; Sunday School constant throughout the year, about 35 scholars with 4 teachers; collections have occasionally been taken up, but the church having been unfit for use for much the greater part of the year the communion was but rarely administered. I do not know the amount.

A tower has been added to the Church, and it has been papered and painted during the past year. The parish owes no debt; the improvements in the church have been all paid for, and the Rector has received more than his stipulated salary for the year ending May 1, 1855.

The Ladies' Sewing Society is rendering efficient aid to the parish. The work of the Lord had been well nigh entirely suspended for a whole 12 months previous to my taking charge of the parish, so that much lost ground in a parish feeble at best, had to be recovered; but the Rector thinks he sees the finger of God in a revived interest in its Sunday School and other concerns.

Report of the Rev. A. A. Marple, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Wellsboro'.

Number of communicants 77, thirteen of this number live in or near the villages upon the Tioga river; there have been 11 funerals; 5 infant baptisms; 1 marriage; collection for Bible Society \$18, Col. Society \$10, Poor \$7, Sunday School \$8. The church has been repaired and other expenses provided for at the cost of \$250.

The Sunday School has upon its list about 50 scholars and 5 teachers, the Rector teaches a Bible class and superintends the school. The great trouble is in getting enough teachers; those we have are good.

Services as usual, prayers and lecture twice a week during Lent, and three services upon every Sunday. Upon three Sundays of every month a third service has been held in school-houses a few miles distant from the village. On the last Sunday of the month after morning service in Wellsboro', I have preached in the afternoon at Tioga and in Lawrenceville in the evening, a place 25 miles distant. Of late I have discontinued my visits to Lawrenceville, and instead of going there preach in Middlebury where I have made three visits. In all these places I generally find good and attentive congregations. I have also preached once at Austin, once in Covington, once in Lyscoming County upon Pine Creek, once in Block House.

Church property; Church and Rectory and the lots upon which they are built, all in decent condition and without debt.

MARCH 8th, 1854.

NOTICE TO PERSONS WHO HAVE IN CONTEMPLATION THE MINISTRY
OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Under the Canons of the General Convention, or their own rules, the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, require from persons applying to them for the testimonials which are pre-requisite to CANDIDATESHIP for the Diaconate,

1. Written evidence that they have given to the Bishop, notice of their intention. Canon VII., of 1853, Sect. 1.
2. A certificate from one Presbyter and four laymen. Canon VII., of 1853, Sect. 2.
3. When an abridgment of time, on the ground of having exercised the ministry in another denomination, is desired, two additional testimonials, Canon VII., of 1838, Sections 3 and 4.

From persons applying to them for the testimonials which are pre-requisite to ORDINATION to the *Diaconate*, the Standing Committee require,

1. The certificate of the minister and Vestry. Canon XV., of 1832, Sect. 2.

Or,

If the parish is without a minister, (which circumstance must be attested,) the above mentioned certificate signed by the vestry alone. Canon XV., of 1832, Sect. 2.

Or,

If there is no vestry of the parish, or, from peculiar circumstances not affecting character, no possibility of procuring testimonials from the minister and vestry of the parish, (which facts must be attested) the certificate above mentioned, signed by twelve respectable Episcopalians. Canon XV., of 1832, Sections 2 and 3.

Or,

In certain cases, the above mentioned certificate, altered as to time. Canon VII., of 1838, Sect. 4.

2. The certificate of a Presbyter. Canon XV., of 1832, Sect. 2.

3 In the case of an individual desiring the consent of the committee to his ordination before the expiration of his three years of candidateship, evidence that the Bishop deems such abridgment of time expedient. Canon VII., of 1853, Sect. 7.

From persons applying to them for the testimonials which are prerequisite to ORINATION to the PRIESTHOOD, the Standing Committee require,

1. & 2. The first and second of the certificates which are mentioned above, as required from individuals applying for the testimonials prerequisite to ordination to the Diaconate, with the *exception* that the papers may cover only so much time as has intervened between the Deacon's ordination and his application for Priest's Orders. Canon XV., of 1832, Sect. 5.

3. In the case of a Deacon desiring to be ordained to the Priesthood within less than one year from his ordination to the diaconate, a notification by the Bishop concerning the case. Canon VIII., of 1832. Resolution of Standing Committee, May 3, 1853.

4. Evidence of an academical degree or of satisfactory examination by Presbyters, unless this evidence was filed with this Committee on the individual's applying for his first testimonials. Canon VII., of 1853, Sect. 3.

5. When a dispensation is desired, a certificate of extraordinary qualities, unless this certificate was filed with this Committee on the individual's applying for his first testimonials. Canon VII., of 1853, Sect. 4.

The Standing Committee meet stately on the first Tuesday of every month.

They require that a testimonial, coming from a vestry, bear on its face that it was subscribed in vestry-meeting.

They construe the Canons *strictly*.

Application to be recommended for admission to Candidateship for the Diaconate, lie over one month.

By order of the Standing Committee.

G. EMLIN HARE,	}	<i>Sub Committee.</i>
H. J. MORTON,		
JOHN A. VAUGHAN,		

FORM OF THE CERTIFICATE OF LAY DEPUTIES TO CONVENTION.

It is hereby certified, that at a meeting of the Vestry of Church, in the county of , held on the day of 18 , Mr. was duly elected a lay deputy to the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Pennsylvania, to be held in , on the day of next; and that the said deputy is now, and has also been for not less than the six calendar months next before his election, a worshipper in the said Church.

Dated this of , 18

} *Wardens.*

} *Vestrymen.*

N. B.—If more than one deputy be chosen, a certificate in the above form may be given to each, or which is better, the names of all may be included in one certificate, varying the language accordingly.

The attention of Wardens and Vestrymen is called to the following Canon of the Edition of 1851 :

CANON XI.***Of the Evidence of Appointment of the Lay Deputies to the Convention.***

The appointment of Lay Deputies to the Convention of this Diocese shall be certified in writing by a Warden or two Vestrymen of the proper Church; and the certificate shall state that the deputy or each deputy named in it, if the certificate be for more than one, is, and has also been for not less than six months before the time of his election a worshipper in the Church he is deputed to represent. And no other certificate or evidence of the appointment of any lay deputy or deputies to the Convention of this Diocese shall be allowed or received. The certificate shall be in duplicate, and one copy forwarded to the Secretary of the Convention, the other given to the lay deputies.

FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORT.

To the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

Report of the parish of _____ Church, in _____, in
the county of _____, for the year ending May 1st, 18 _____

CONGREGATION. Families, _____; Adults, _____; children, _____; total _____.

BAPTISMS. Adults, _____; Infants, _____; total, _____.

CONFIRMED, _____.

COMMUNICANTS. Added, _____; Died or removed, _____; present number _____.

MARRIAGES, _____.

BURIALS, _____.

PUBLIC SERVICES. On Sundays, _____; other days, _____; total, _____.

CHILDREN CATECHIZED, _____; Times, _____.

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NOTICE.

The next Annual Convention of the Church in this Diocese will be held in St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia, on the first Tuesday of May, 1856, at 5 o'clock, P. M.

WM. BACON STEVENS, *Secretary.*

No. 13 CLINTON STREET.

OFFICERS AND AGENTS OF CHURCH INSTITUTIONS IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Treasurer of Convention,	{ Franklin Bacon, 13 South Front street.
Corresponding Secretary and Chairman of the Committee on Missions of the Society for Advancement of Christian- ity in Pennsylvania,	{ Rev. J. C. Clay, D. D., Swanson street, near the Swedes' Church.
Treasurer of the Advancement Society,	{ R. R. Montgomery, Esq., cor. of South Third and Pear streets.
Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society,	{ H. Conrad, Esq., 123 North Third street.
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Female Episcopal Institute.	{ Rev. Charles H. Wheeler, West Penn Square.
Clergy Daughters' Fund,	{ J. Francis Fisher, Esq., Treasurer, 235 Walnut street.
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MARCH 8th, 1854.

NOTICE TO PERSONS WHO HAVE IN CONTEMPLATION THE MINISTRY
OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Under the Canons of the General Convention, or their own rules, the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, require from persons applying to them for the testimonials which are pre-requisite to CANDIDATESHIP for the Diaconate,

1. Written evidence that they have given to the Bishop, notice of their intention. Canon VII., of 1853, Sect. 1.
2. A certificate from one Presbyter and four laymen. Canon VII., of 1853, Sect. 2.
3. When an abridgment of time, on the ground of having exercised the ministry in another denomination, is desired, two additional testimonials, Canon VII., of 1838, Sections 3 and 4.

From persons applying to them for the testimonials which are pre-requisite to ORDINATION to the *Diaconate*, the Standing Committee require,

1. The certificate of the minister and Vestry. Canon XV., of 1832, Sect. 2.

Or,

If the parish is without a minister, (which circumstance must be attested,) the above mentioned certificate signed by the vestry alone. Canon XV., of 1832, Sect. 2.

Or,

If there is no vestry of the parish, or, from peculiar circumstances not affecting character, no possibility of procuring testimonials from the minister and vestry of the parish, (which facts must be attested) the certificate above mentioned, signed by twelve respectable Episcopalians. Canon XV., of 1832, Sections 2 and 3.

Or,

In certain cases, the above mentioned certificate, altered as to time. Canon VII., of 1838, Sect. 4.

2. The certificate of a Presbyter. Canon XV., of 1832, Sect. 2.

3 In the case of an individual desiring the consent of the committee to his ordination before the expiration of his three years of candidateship, evidence that the Bishop deems such abridgment of time expedient. Canon VII., of 1853, Sect. 7.

From persons applying to them for the testimonials which are prerequisite to ORDINATION to the PRIESTHOOD, the Standing Committee require,

1. & 2. The first and second of the certificates which are mentioned above, as required from individuals applying for the testimonials prerequisite to ordination to the Diaconate, with the *exception* that the papers may cover only so much time as has intervened between the Deacon's ordination and his application for Priest's Orders. Canon XV., of 1832, Sect. 5.

3. In the case of a Deacon desiring to be ordained to the Priesthood within less than one year from his ordination to the diaconate, a notification by the Bishop concerning the case. Canon VIII., of 1832. Resolution of Standing Committee, May 3, 1853.

4. Evidence of an academical degree or of satisfactory examination by Presbyters, unless this evidence was filed with this Committee on the individual's applying for his first testimonials. Canon VII., of 1853, Sect. 3.

5. When a dispensation is desired, a certificate of extraordinary qualities, unless this certificate was filed with this Committee on the individual's applying for his first testimonials. Canon VII., of 1853, Sect. 4.

The Standing Committee meet statedly on the first Tuesday of every month.

They require that a testimonial, coming from a vestry, bear on its face that it was subscribed in vestry-meeting.

They construe the Canons *strictly*.

Application to be recommended for admission to Candidateship for the Diaconate, lie over one month.

By order of the Standing Committee.

G. EMLLEN HARE,	}	<i>Sub Committee.</i>
H. J. MORTON,		
JOHN A. VAUGHAN,		

FORM OF THE CERTIFICATE OF LAY DEPUTIES TO CONVENTION.

It is hereby certified, that at a meeting of the Vestry of Church, in the county of , held on the day of 18 , Mr. was duly elected a lay deputy to the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Pennsylvania, to be held in , on the day of next; and that the said deputy is now, and has also been for not less than the six calendar months next before his election, a worshipper in the said Church.

Dated this of , 18

} Wardens.

} Vestrymen.

N. B.—If more than one deputy be chosen, a certificate in the above form may be given to each, or which is better, the names of all may be included in one certificate, varying the language accordingly.

The attention of Wardens and Vestrymen is called to the following Canon of the Edition of 1851 :

CANON XI.*Of the Evidence of Appointment of the Lay Deputies to the Convention.*

The appointment of Lay Deputies to the Convention of this Diocese shall be certified in writing by a Warden or two Vestrymen of the proper Church; and the certificate shall state that the deputy or each deputy named in it, if the certificate be for more than one, is, and has also been for not less than six months before the time of his election a worshipper in the Church he is deputed to represent. And no other certificate or evidence of the appointment of any lay deputy or deputies to the Convention of this Diocese shall be allowed or received. The certificate shall be in duplicate, and one copy forwarded to the Secretary of the Convention, the other given to the lay deputies.

FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORT.

*To the Rt. Rev.**Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.*

Report of the parish of _____ Church, in _____, in
the county of _____, for the year ending May 1st, 18 _____

CONGREGATION. Families, _____; Adults, _____; children, _____; total _____.

BAPTISMS. Adults, _____; Infants, _____; total, _____.

CONFIRMED, _____.

COMMUNICANTS. Added, _____; Died or removed, _____; present number _____.

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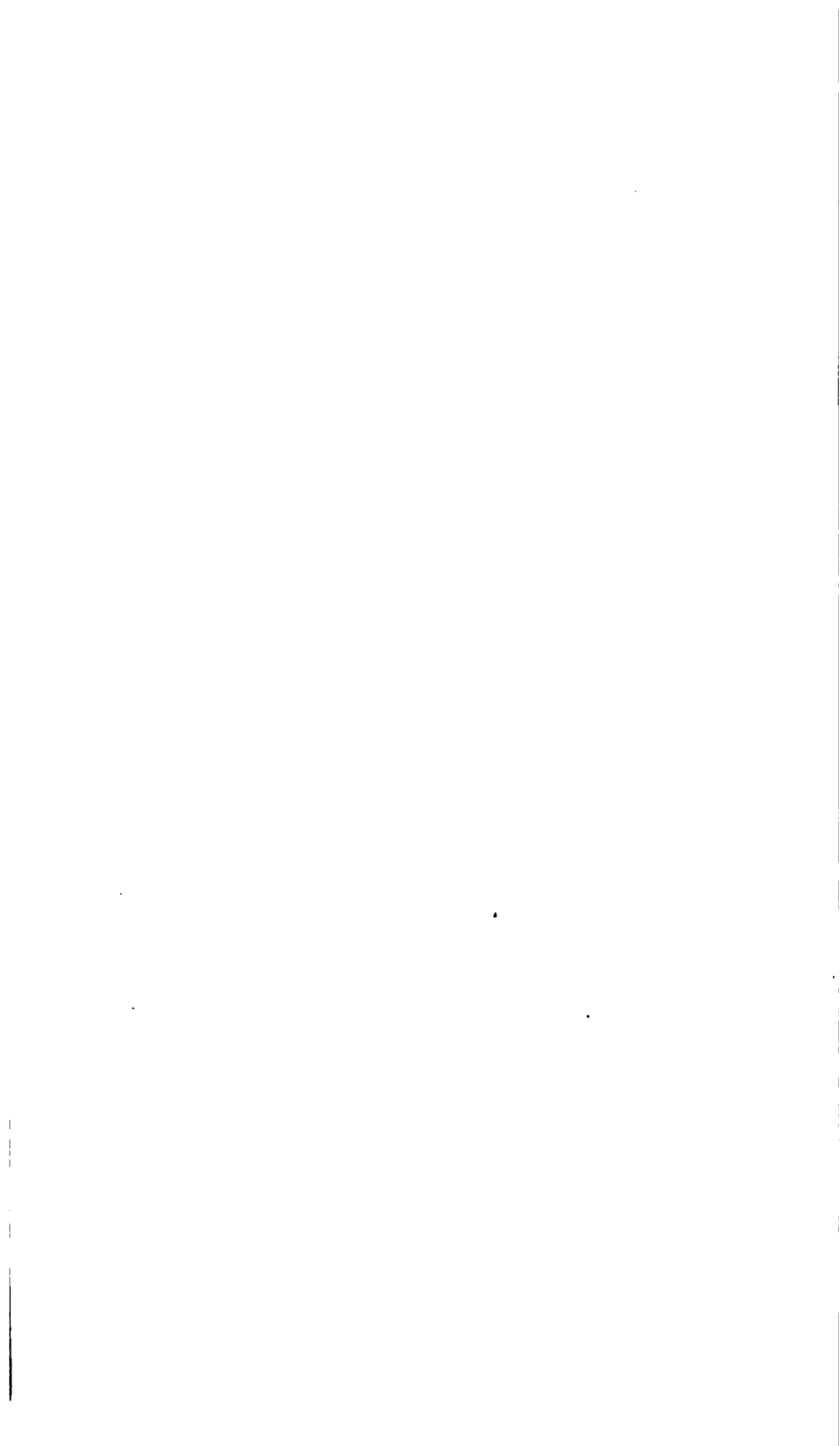
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